

TOLEDO PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Toledo Planning Commission was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Anne Learned-Ellis. Commissioners present: Brian Lundgren, Jonathan Mix, Cora Warfield, Ricky Dyson, Ruthanne Morris, and Terri Neimann.

Staff present: Contract Planner (CP) Justin Peterson, City Attorney (CA) Mike Adams, Community Outreach Specialist Katy Keuter, Planning Assistant Arlene Inukai.

VISITORS: Duane Ellis

Community Outreach Specialist Katy Keuter reported she is working for the City through the RARE program and is happy to be on board.

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 14, 2022, MINUTES:

President Learned-Ellis noted a correction for Page 2, Paragraph 4, to state “newly created”. It was moved and seconded (Dyson/Lundgren) to approve the December 14, 2022, minutes as circulated and corrected by the Planning Commission. The **motion passed** unanimously.

WORKSESSION: COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN UPDATE – CHAPTER 12 (TRANSPORTATION) AND CHAPTER 13 (ENERGY CONSERVATION):

CP Peterson reported that the Transportation chapter was introduced last month, but has now been updated for formatting and provides some edits. The Transportation System Plan (TSP) was adopted in 2013 and Chapter 12 was updated at that time. CP Peterson reviewed proposed revisions to the Transportation Chapter.

Commissioners discussed the public transit system and a ferry or water taxi from Toledo to Newport to encourage tourism and transportation options. The plan policies encourage multiple options aside from vehicles, but vehicle transport will continue to be supported. The policies and goals are not intended to reduce cars altogether, but to also support other transportation modes and options. Commissioner Morris noted that there are several area bridges that could be damaged in storm events, which will affect vehicles routes. Toledo can coordinate with Newport on the commuting options. It was also noted that the airport shuttle and valley transportation options are important.

Commissioners reviewed the rail policies and pointed out that rail upgrades are needed. At this time, there are only freight options for the railroad. Commissioners would like to see a tourist option for the rail line because of the scenic views between Toledo and valley.

CP Peterson reviewed the updates for the Transportation Chapter, as summarized below:

- Policy Statement revised to include all modes of transportation and support programs that could help reduce single-vehicle trips.
- Streets Goal 2, includes language to coordinate with other utilities before performing road improvements.

- Encourages natural/green infrastructure options.
- Coordinate with public safety agencies for access options.
- Identify low-speed areas. Speed bumps can be an option or setting new speed limits.
- Stay up-to-date with the functional classifications of roads.
- Research bike lane requirements.
- Encourage public safety education programs.
- Updated the term ‘volkmarching’ to ‘fitness walking’
- Added a rail policy to support a scenic rail route.
- Discussed the continued use of the term, ‘Tokyo Slough’.

Commissioner Mix would like to see language in either the Transportation or Energy Conservation Chapter that support charging stations for electric vehicles.

CP Peterson reviewed the updates to the Energy Conservation Chapter. Language was expanded to support public education, energy efficient building design/construction, and energy conservation programs, such as weatherization programs. Language was also added to encourage expanding recycling programs.

Next month will have the Land Use and Urbanization Chapters for review. The project is still on track for finalizing at the end of 2023.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: UPDATES AND REPORTS:

Grant Updates:

The Oregon Parks and Recreation grant for Arcadia Park was awarded. This project includes new restrooms, re-surfacing the tennis courts, and fence/lighting upgrades at the park. The park area will also have sidewalk improvements, but this work is outside of the grant scope.

Toledo was not successful with the Safe Routes to School grant. There is an option to re-apply in 2024. This project included sidewalk upgrades, crosswalk work, and speed signs.

Building Permit and Land Use Application Updates:

The Planning Commission packet included a log of all building permit and land use applications reviewed in 2022.

STAFF COMMENTS: None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: None.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Planning Assistant

President