

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES  
LAND USE PLANNING DIVISION  
MULTNOMAH COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2, 2017

- I. **Call to Order:** Chair John Ingle called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. on Monday, October 2, 2017 at the Multnomah Building, Room 101, located at 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, OR.
- II. **Roll Call:** Present – Ingle, Bill Kabeiseman, Victoria Purvine, Jim Kessinger, Alicia Denney, Tim Wood and Katharina Lorenz  
Absent – Chris Foster, Susan Silodor
- III. **Approval of Minutes:**  
None
- IV. **Opportunity to Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**  
None.
- V. **Continued Hearing: Code Consolidation and Reorganization Project (PC-2014-3436)**  
Michael Cerbone, Land Use Planning Director, clarified for those who were not in attendance at the last Planning Commission meeting, that the primary goal of the code consolidation process is literally to consolidate the code and not actually make changes. We made a conscious effort to not make specific changes to implement the Comprehensive Plan. In some instances, there was the need to reconcile different language, and in some instances, language was added to clarify, but the intent was not to actually implement the Comp Plan or make changes. When we came across conflicting information, we gave deference to the less restrictive.

Kevin Cook, Senior Planner, began his presentation of the nine parts that make up the new consolidated code.

Kabeiseman said he was a little concerned when he saw in the staff report about merging the erosion control and flood hazard building regulations into land use code and whether we would be taking what should be a relatively simple, non-land use decisions and making them into land use decisions with a slew of additional procedures.

County Counsel thought that should not be affected by this. Cerbone said in most of those instances, they were just better definitions.

Purvine said there was a concern that by the time it gets this far, submitting questions and making comments is too late and nothing is going to change. I attended a meeting in Corbett about this and everyone there seemed to get their questions answered and felt good by the time we left. Were these types of meetings offered everywhere? Cook said yes, that has been part of this process, as well as an email list to try to get the word out about what we are doing. And once this passes the Planning Commission, there is a next step at the Board of County Commissioners, where comments can be submitted as well before the final adoption.

Cerbone noted that we make a recommendation to you as Planning Commissioners, and you as a body make another recommendation to the Board. You do not have to make the recommendation

we do. If a concern is raised during the process, you can take that under consideration and address it.

Ingle asked for a motion for a recommendation to pass on to the County Commissioners PC-2015-4679, Code Consolidation Reorganization. Kabeiseman moved and Purvine seconded. Motion passed unanimously

**VI. Director's Comments:**

Cerbone said our goal is to bring before you at our next meeting an ordinance that proposes changes to geologic hazards and grading & erosion control, which implements some of the policies in the Comprehensive Plan.

We are also working on the appointments of two Planning Commissioners for the terms that expire this year.

The other items that will be coming up will be a floating structures ordinance, as well as revisions to the Fire Protection standards

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

**The next Planning Commission meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 6, 2017.**

Recording Secretary,

Kathy Fisher