

**MINUTES
CITY OF LARAMIE, WYOMING
LARAMIE PLANNING COMMISSION
APRIL 26, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair Polk at 4:30 p.m.

Members present: Jim McGrath, Chris Moody, Barry Nelson, Jake Schneider, Evan Townsend, Katherine Kasckow, and Shannon Polk (Chair).

Members absent: None.

Council Liaison: Brian Harrington (present)

Staff Present: Derek Teini, Planning Manager; Todd Feezer, Assistant City Manager; Ryan Shoefelt, Deputy City Clerk; and Holli Austin-Belaski, Assistant City Attorney, Brian Forster, Code Enforcement Inspector.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

2.A. Changes and Approval of Agenda

A. MOTION BY TOWNSEND, seconded by Schneider, to amend the Agenda as follows: to add 5.A. Acceptance of Commissioner Kasckow resignation.

MOTION CARRIED by unanimous consent.

B. MOTION BY KASCKOW, seconded by Townsend, that the Agenda was approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

2.B. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

2.B.i. LPC Minutes 4.12.21

MOTION BY KASCKOW, seconded by Townsend, to approve the minutes from April 12, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote. Chair Polk and Commissioner McGrath abstained.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS - Non-Agenda Related Topics – No Action Can Be Taken

Rachel Orenczak- Thank you to the Planning Commission.

4. PLANNING COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Teini- Community Clean up in May, and Parklet RFQ.

5. DISCLOSURES - Ex-parte communications; potential conflicts of interest

Commissioner Schneider- Is a city reviewer for the UW parking garage item and will recuse from the item.

Chair Polk- Works for UW, but sees no conflict of interest.

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5.A. Acceptance of Commissioner Kasckow's resignation

MOTION BY TOWNSEND, seconded by Schneider, to acknowledge that Kasckow will be gone effective as of April 26, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

6. CURRENT PLANNING PROJECTS

6.A. OLD BUSINESS: No items.

6.B. NEW BUSINESS:

6.B.i. CUP-21-03: UW Parking Garage and UW Police Department

MOTION BY MCGRATH, seconded by Kasckow, to deny a Conditional Use Permit for construction and operation of a Parking Garage at 1010 Ivinson Avenue for the following causes:

1. Nuisance concerns- increased noise, dust, glare, pollution, and traffic.
2. Context to the neighborhood- the parking garage is high density and inconsistent with the low-density parking of the Ivinson corridor plan.
3. General welfare- the parking garage is a public sector project which is financially imprudent, which will cause economic injury to the student members of the community, the University, and the State.

Roll call showed Aye: McGrath, Moody, Townsend, Kasckow, and Polk. Nay: Nelson. Absent: None. Recused: Schneider. MOTION CARRIED.

7. LONG RANGE PLANNING PROJECTS

No items.

8. VARIANCES (sitting as Board of Adjustment)

MOTION BY KASCKOW, seconded by Townsend, to adjourn as Planning Commission and reconvene as Board of Appeals.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Planning Commission adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Board of Appeals convened at 6:32 pm.

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9. Board of Appeals

(Swearing in of witnesses)

9.A. Appeal - 1618 & 1634 Connors - John Johnson

MOTION BY NELSON, seconded by Kasckow, that Mr. Forster's assertion be accepted and that will require the applicant to meet the guidelines within sixty (60) days.

Roll call showed Aye: McGrath, Nelson, Townsend, and Kasckow. Nay: Moody, Schneider, and Polk. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

10. ADJOURN

MOTION BY KASCKOW, seconded by Moody, to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

APPROVED:

Shannon Polk, Planning Commission Chair

Date

Derek Teini, Planning Manager

Date