



MEETING MINUTES

LAND USE COMMISSION

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

7:00 PM

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, James C. Lytle City Council Chambers

Members Present: George Halik, Max Puchtel, Jeanne Lindwall, Kiril Mirintchev, Kristine Westerberg, John Hewko

Members Absent: Matt Rodgers and Myrna Arevalo

Staff Present: Planning Manager Liz Williams Neighborhood and Community Development Director Sarah Flax

Presiding Member: Max Puchtel

Call to Order

Commissioner Puchtel opened the meeting at 7:02 PM. A roll call was then done and a quorum was determined to be present.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

None

DISCUSSION

A. Envision Evanston 2045 Presentation by HDR, Inc.

HDR, Inc. will provide a presentation regarding Envision Evanston 2045, the City's new Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code, followed by a discussion with the Commission.

Shai, Roos, HDR and the Project Director for the project, presented Envision Evanston 2045, the Comprehension Plan and Zoning Code update process.

Commissioner Questions

Commissioner Halik asked for clarification on the subconsultants Shai Roos, HDR, shared the subconsultants and each of their specific roles in the overall process.

Hewko asked about the methodology and how the community's views are gauged and updates will be presented. Ms. Roos explained the methodology and that there are no preconceived notions and Ms. Williams added that existing plans will also be referenced and the Comprehensive Plan will be built off of those plans and community feedback.

Commissioner Westerberg inquired about the approach to framing conversations during public outreach events. Discussion followed on how to capture and analyze the variety of feedback that will be provided and best practices.

Additional discussion occurred around topics the Commissioners would like to see come about from the updated plan and code

Public Comment

Bob Lauracella from Evanston asked if there was an example of a town of similar size that this work was done on before and why the Planning Department is not focusing on this instead of the Land use Commission. Ms. Williams explained the formation of the Land Use Commission, what its responsibilities are and how the Planning Division is part of the process.

Deliberations

None

Communications

None

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Commissioner Lindwall motioned to adjourn, Commissioner Westerberg seconded, and the motion carried, 6-0.

Adjourned 8:17 PM.

The next meeting of the Evanston Land Use Commission is to be held on **Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at 7:00 PM, in the James C. Lytle Council Chambers in the Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center.**

Respectfully submitted,
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