

Meeting of the City of Livingston Planning Board
December 15, 2021

Roll Call: Stacy Jovick, Mike Petry, Jim Barrett, Taya Cromley, Torrey Lyons, Jessi Wilcox, Melissa Newts, Shannon Holmes

Meeting Start: 5:32

Approval of minutes: Stacy, Jim second. Motion passes.

Planning Board Applicants - Mija, Jim Barrett, Jessi Wilcox

Mija Hamilton Introduction: Moved from Seattle, wanted to move to a smaller community to be involved. Real estate broker for 25 years. Has seen how Seattle has changed, how neighborhoods have their own character, some have blossomed and some have not. Want an opportunity to get involved and contribute to the community.

Why do you want to be on the planning board?

Get involved. Experience as a real estate broker, worked with contractors and developers, own an apartment building that they manage, spent lots of time in the planning department, a large resource to pull from in 25 years in that work. Witnessed lots of change in Seattle.

What is your background with Livingston or planning?

We are relatively new but have participated in as many events as possible. Covered her background with respect to planning departments that she's dealt with. Also worked with a civil engineering firm where she worked on development proposals. The firm was concentrated in rural communities putting in water and sewer systems.

Briefly talk about one positive change and one negative change in Livingston.

What has stood out to us is how Livingston has been able to be vibrant and eclectic with the artist community and thriving businesses while still retaining its unique historic look and feel. It has been a joy to walk downtown and interact with people on the street and in the shops. It's an amazing community. Negative is the new bank is not the same as the character of other buildings around it. The bank stood out when we first came to town.

MN: Mathieu, process question.

MM: Preference should be given to sitting board members. Torrey's seat will be coming up but there might be more applicants in that time.

SJ: Do we have opportunities to ask sitting members any questions?

MM: Yes.

SJ: Question for Jim: What is your sense of what the board is all about? What observations do you have?

JB: Got excited at the architecture presentation, I was inspired and I think there is a lot of opportunities there for beautiful excellent forward movement there in the community.

JW: The planning board that went through the growth policy developed a lot of camaraderie. I really enjoyed that process as well as the mellowness of the meetings after the GP was adopted. I have enjoyed the learning opportunities that have been presented to me on the board. Very interested to see where we go from here in the implementation of the growth policy and the things that are going to come our way and how we are going to negotiate that. I have enjoyed being your chair and I would be happy to stay in that position.

SH: Motion to keep Jim and Jessi.

TL: Second.

MN: Interested in maintaining stability on our board and as such I support Shannon's motion. So grateful for new people coming to town and deciding to participate in the planning process.

SJ: Mija please reapply in January.

Motion passes.

TL: Motion to accept the year-end report that Jessi wrote. JB Second.

Motion passes.

Public Works Update: Still busy. Part of our newly implemented site plan process orchestrated by Mathieu. Reviewing FedEx site plan as we speak and returning to the developers by Friday. We submitted comments on the discovery vista phase 4 pre-application process and met with their engineer a month ago. Working with Chris Slazinski focusing on Agrineeds building and that site and working on his partners to bring life back to that area of town and building, will follow the site plan requirements. Blairn property annexation just west of Eagles Nest, working on that. All hands on deck on getting the next round of ARPA money before January 16, the focus of that is going to be the Green Acres sewer extension. Almost 150 homes that we will extend sewer to and get homes off septic systems. The homeowners will vote on the sewer mains

MN: Where is the FedEx development?

SH: Just to the west of PFL.

Planning Update: Two zoning updates in the works. Update to definitions of manufacturing. Major update to R3 increases building heights, eliminates setbacks, increases density, reduces parking requirements. The housing action plan is set to be brought to PB to make sure that it is compatible with the city of Livingston; hoping to focus on the tools in the plan. The trails and active transportation plan is almost finished and should be presented to the committee in January and presented to the PB in February. There is a draft online. The MSU architecture grad students presented last week and there will be an online version available soon. Discovery Vista subdivision application coming in the spring. Upcoming meetings on January 19th, February 16th.

Meeting Close: 6:19.