

PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, April 12, 2023, 6 PM

Hybrid Meeting

A. CALL TO ORDER BY CCP MEMBER: Vice-Chair Les King called at the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

B. INTRODUCTIONS OF MEMBERS AND GUEST PARTICIPANTS:

Present: Committee on the City Plan: Les King; Norwich Public Utilities: Chris LaRose; Norwich Police Department: Chief Pat Daley; Community Development: Sydney Phelps; Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Conservation Commission: Rich Morell.

Others Present: Director of Planning & Neighborhood Services: Deanna Rhodes, and City Planner: Dan Daniska.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 8, 2023

A Motion was made by Les King to approve the minutes of 03/08/2023. Pat Daley seconded motion. Les King, Pat Daley, Sydney Phelps and Rich Morell voted in favor. No one voted in opposition. Chris LaRose abstained. Motion passed.

D. OLD BUSINESS: None.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

- Update on project timeline and status of draft POCD
Deanna Rhodes went over the updated timeline and shared that more dates have been proposed to hold additional special meetings of the POCD Committee. She explained that the required adoption deadline is fast approaching so twice a month meetings may be necessary. The committee agreed on the schedule and Ms. Rhodes noted that not all members must attend every meeting and that some may be canceled if not deemed necessary.
- Discuss date(s) for community input meetings
A discussion ensued about dates and locations for two public input meetings in June. It was decided to have meetings start at 5 p.m. and to offer food to participants. Deanna Rhodes will contact the Senior Center (for 6/14) and Foundry 66 (for 6/28). The meetings will start at 5 p.m., but the one at Foundry will run twice (at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.) to allow more people to attend.

F. OTHER:

1. Public Comment: None
2. Miscellaneous:
 - Dan Daniska spoke about preparation of an Existing Land Use Map and shared that the City has not had one in the past. The process of creating the map has been arduous as there are hundreds of codes that the Assessor assigns to properties, which Dan needs to review for each parcel and decide on the one that is the most applicable to the parcel. The new map

will be a very helpful planning tool when completed and used for preparation of other maps for the Plan.

- Deanna Rhodes thanked NPU for providing the updated water service area map. A discussion ensued about other utilities and Chris LaRose offered that they could also prepare maps for Gas and Sewer, if needed. He also shared about the Groton interconnect project which will benefit the Mohegan's Riverwalk project and any future development at the Norwich State Hospital site.
- Deanna Rhodes shared that the housing starts for multi-family and single family dwellings in the SLR data deck were incorrect and have been addressed back to 2015. She noted that she found that if only a single permit was issued for a multi-family development, it was listed incorrectly as just one unit.
- Dan Daniska shared a draft vision statement that he prepared for the Plan and offered up other examples of vision statements and theme titles for POCD chapters. Pat Daley stated that he did not like the use of "Sustain" for a chapter title. A discussion ensued and Dan Daniska offered that he would revise the draft vision statement and chapter titles to reflect comments received from the Committee and email info out prior to the next meeting for response back to him as soon as possible.
- Les King spoke about the need to add more market rate housing in the community, as well as more locations for publicly accessible EV chargers with potential chargers installed within road ROWs in dense neighborhoods having no on-site parking. Chris LaRose responded to Les' questions and discussion ensued.

G. AJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Chris LaRose to adjourn at 7:02 p.m. Rich Morrell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Prepared and submitted by D. Rhodes