

Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee
Minutes of Regular Meeting
February 22, 2022

Call to Order:

The meeting, conducted via Zoom, was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Tom Malecky, Chairman.

Present:

Tom Malecky, Chair; Fred Knous, Frank Winiski, Claire Frisbie, Mary Dickerson, Economic Development Coordinator/Planner

Others Present:

Absent:

1. Approval of Minutes January 25, 2022, Meeting

The approval the minutes of the January 25, 2022, meeting was tabled until the next meeting due to a lack of quorum at the January meeting.

2. Review the POCD Website (portlandctpocd.com) to develop a list of potential changes that should be considered by the Committee to the format and current text (i.e., rewrite Bruce Tyler's letters and add Committee's meeting minutes after November 2020

Chair Tom Malecky noted that he reviewed the list of potential changes.

Mary Dickerson announced that she will be stepping down effective February 28 and noted that the significant accomplishments of the POCD. She suggested that nearly all the action items could be completed within the next five years.

Tom Malecky suggested a review of the existing website to determine what changes to content and format might be needed.

Mary Dickerson suggested reviewing the POCD to identify items that are substantially complete and have made progress and indicate that on the POCD website. She referenced a memo from January 19 which details progress.

3. Update on Regional Planning Actions: River COG's Affordable Housing Plan (expected completion date April 2022) and Regional Economic Development Strategic Plan (Plan development to begin spring 2022). Discuss any steps the Committee might be able to do to assist on the update of the Policies and Action Items of the current Implementation Element

Mary Dickerson noted that the bike/ped plan has been drafted. The affordable housing research has been done and will be presented and open to comments at the February 23 meeting. The hope is for the River COG to become a regional group which would open the door to more opportunities. All other plans/opportunities for grant funding are done and waiting for review and adoption.

4. Discuss participation in the “second Town-Specific Zoom Housing Plan Meeting” scheduled for February 23 at 7:00 PM

Chair Tom Malecky urged the committee members to attend the meeting. Mary Dickerson stated the formula for the guidelines will be explained at the meeting. She noted that Portland is one of only two towns in the region that is not projected to decline, largely due to the housing that will be available with the development of Brainard Place.

5. Update on River COG’s Regional Plan of Conservation and Development (RPOCD) for the Lower Connecticut River Valley region

Mary Dickerson stated the advantages of implementing Portland’s POCD as part of a regional plan. That would allow for economy of scale (e.g., cost savings for firms to do demographic studies, panning documents, data gathering, etc.). Mary Dickerson noted that many area towns are taking a regional approach to their POCDs.

6. Other Business:

7. Public Discussion: None

8. Adjourn:

Frank Winiski made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Board Clerk
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