

**LINCOLN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION WORK SESSION
MINUTES
June 22, 2023**

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Brian Bunnnett	Commissioner	Present	
Melissa Sumner	Commissioner	Excused	
Marci Baker	Commissioner	Present	
Robert Vincent	Chair	Present	
Kim Blackerby	Commissioner	Remote	

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

2.1.2043 Comprehensive Plan Update Components

Chair Robert Vincent called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm.

Assistant Planner Andrea Riner conducted roll. Commissioners Blackerby, Bunnnett, Baker, and Vincent were present.

Director Skinner: For the record, Commissioner Sumner has an excused absence, and Commissioner Affuso resigned effective June 20th.

Commissioner Blackerby: I have my volume completely up and I can't hear.

Andrea Riner: We will have to speak more clearly and loudly.

Director Skinner: The agenda originally began with a discussion of the first draft for Parks, Recreation, and Open Space to accommodate participation by Jeanne Sprague Parks & Recreation Director, but she is unable to attend. So let's go ahead and start with the two fourth drafts, followed by third, second, and first drafts. I think that Natural, Scenic, and Historic Resources would be first.

Commissioner Blackerby: I'm sorry, could you repeat which one we're doing first?

Director Skinner: Natural, Scenic, and Historic Resources, the fourth draft.

Chair Vincent: Actually, my agenda shows that Citizen Involvement would be first.

Director Skinner: We can do Citizen Involvement. It doesn't matter. Citizen Involvement, Kim, Citizen Involvement.

Commissioner Blackerby: I can only see Brian and Anne Marie, and the back of Andrea's head. And there's Marci.

Director Skinner: It's impossible. This is the room we have our Director's Meeting in and a lot of the Directors are on Zoom, and it's impossible to get everyone on camera.

Commissioner Blackerby: I just didn't know all who was there.

[Andrea attempted to move the camera to include more of the Commissioners.]

Commissioner Baker: For the record, our Chair was asked to move and he wasn't interested.

Commissioner Blackerby: I can see most of you. I just can't see Anne Marie.

Director Skinner: So let's start with the 4th draft of Citizen Involvement. Are there any final comments, or is this done?

Andrea Riner: There are comments from Commissioner Baker in her packet that I distributed. It's just one page, front and back, if I'm right.

Director Skinner: Alright, Commissioner Baker do you want to start going over those and I'll make the changes as you talk?

Commissioner Baker: In the first paragraph I added the word “only” that is in our current Comp Plan so that it reads “The effectiveness of government can only be measured by the extent to which it truly meets the needs of all citizens”.

Director Skinner: Okay

Commissioner Baker: And in the last sentence of the introduction I added “and citizens” after “elected leaders”, to make that sentence read “A great citizen involvement program gives participants assurance that they will be heard and gives elected leaders and citizens confidence that land-use decisions will be balanced and positioned for the public good.”

Director Skinner: Okay. Next?

Commissioner Baker: In the goal I just added the word “easily” in front of “accessible” so that it reads “ensure learning and engagement activities are easily accessible, equitable, and inclusive”. And in policy/objective #2, instead of saying “by ensuring” I started a new sentence with “Ensure the following are effectively implemented and evaluated on an annual basis”. And then...

Director Skinner: Okay. Hang on. If we’re going to make them separate then I’m going to bullet point them because I don’t want more numbers. Alright, so...and you changed them. “Create opportunities for widespread public involvement.”

Commissioner Baker: If there were no comments wanted I would suggest we don’t put it out for us to provide any more feedback.

Director Skinner: I didn’t say that.

Commissioner Baker: Because that response was very discouraging to me to provide feedback, when there is an exasperated sigh. I’m not comfortable with that.

Director Skinner: Well the exasperated sigh, you are ... if there was an exasperated sigh it had nothing to do with you. So, you’re imagining things. “Create opportunities for widespread...”

Andrea Riner: Is this all new text here if it’s in green? It’s not moved from somewhere else?

Director Skinner: “effective two way communication with the public...”

Andrea Riner: Wait a minute.

Commissioner Baker: There’s too much feedback, I don’t want to try and go through this all night.

Andrea Riner: We just started.

Commissioner Baker: I’m imagining things.

Director Skinner: I was not exasperated. I have no idea where that came from. What do you want me to say?

Chair Vincent: If she doesn’t want to be here, she doesn’t want to be here.

Commissioner Baker: I had to find someone to unlock the door for me tonight to come in. Our chair was asked, based on public feedback, to move to be on camera and he refused.

Chair Vincent: I never heard anything from the public.

Commissioner Baker: And as soon as we start going through my feedback I’m already feeling like it’s unwanted so I am going to leave.

Director Skinner: Well, that is absolutely untrue.

Commissioner Baker: I’m going to be authentic to what I feel is right and I don’t feel this process has been, in any way. I’ll save my words for when I’m not upset.

Commissioner Baker left the meeting, so there was no quorum effectively ending the meeting.

III. ADJOURN

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Marie Skinner
Planning Director

Robert Vincent
Chair