

Minutes of the
CANNON BEACH CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Wednesday, January 31, 2024
Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Barb Knop, Council President Nancy McCarthy, Councilors Brandon Ogilvie, Gary Hayes and Lisa Kerr

Planning Commissioners: Mike Bates, Anna Moritz and Erik Ostrander in person. Les Sinclair, Dorian Farrow and Aaron Matusick via Zoom.

Design Review Board: Harvey Claussen and Anita Dueber in person. Michelle Valigura and Dave Doering via Zoom.

Excused: Planning Commissioner Clay Newton

Staff: City Manager Bruce St. Denis, Recorder Jennifer Barrett, Chief of Police Jason Schermerhorn, City Planner Robert St. Clair

Others: Urbsworks representatives Marcy McNelly and Elissa Gertler, Housing Manager for Clatsop County

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Knop called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Motion: Ogilvie moved to approve the agenda; Hayes seconded the motion.

Vote: McCarthy, Ogilvie, Kerr, Hayes and Knop voted AYE: the vote was 5:0 and the motion carried. The agenda was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Knop said public comment is for anything not related to the housing presentation. After the presentation we will then open for public comment for that topic. Keep under three minutes, keep it kind and respectful.

Herb Florer PO Box 546 CB, spoke about Chief's retirement.

DISCUSSIONS

Code Audit Joint Work Session with Planning Commission and Design Review Board

a. A Conversation about Housing in Cannon Beach with Elissa Gertler, Housing Manager for Clatsop County

McNelly said the housing survey is out. there is a QR code on the flyer please take it. McNelly introduced Elissa Gertler, housing manager for Clatsop County, summarizing her background. We received 210 responses on housing survey, McNelly gave summary of the results adding more formal results coming. We plan to keep it open one more week. McNelly turned the meeting over to Gertler.

Gertler said thank you for having me here to have this conversation. Gertler gave a verbal presentation about housing. Noted county wide housing planning study on buildable land in the county, adding Cannon Beach will get their own inventory as well as infrastructure study to assist. Will also look at building supply. Noted steps

moving forward to address the needs. Gertler answered Council/PC & DRB questions. McInelly answered questions. Discussed options for STR.

Knop opened up public comment.

Lila Wickham PO Box 208 Tolovana Park
Asked questions about affordable housing.

Carmen Swigart PO Box 214
Asked questions about the construction excise tax.

Tim Ramey PO Box 429
Presented details about homes for sale in the area, giving statistics he's researched.

Jan Siebert-Wahrmund PO Box 778
Spoke in support of workforce housing noting concerns on how it would be accomplished. Suggested restrictions for STRs.

Richard Kosa PO Box 656
Noted concerns about limiting the STRs, and concerns about company housing. Discussed raising minimum wage. Made suggestions on infrastructure.

Paul No last name given PO Box 1262
Spoke about density in Cannon Beach and the people that live here that are in need of housing assistance. Discussed apartments in the area and quality of housing.

Kendra Edwards PO Box 886
Shared her story about housing and seasonal workers.

Alan Barber PO Box 801
Asked questions about Southwind development.

Jay Orloff PO Box 563
Spoke about low income housing in the area and other potential locations for housing and the concerns with the locations.

Tim Ramey PO Box 429
Corrected a number from Jay Orloff's comments, noting \$300,000 will go into GF from the RV park.

Via Zoom

Amber Fowler PO Box 657
Spoke about having diversified and other housing options. Noted concerns for illegal STRs.

Herb Florer PO Box 546
Thanked mayor and council for being here tonight, and Gertler for a great job on the presentation. Spoke of the misconception about STRs.

Jessica Alexander PO Box 1148
Spoke about housing while growing up here.

Ann Marie Radich PO Box 583
Expressed concerns of housing situation in CB.

Pat Durkin PO Box 173

Spoke about the community floundering and need all age groups here to support the community.

Back to audience for people who have not spoken

Craig Farell PO Box 981: manager of Shorewood, but spoke to the demand for housing, noting the current waitlist parameters and issued they face.

Jen Yeh PO Box 138: spoke about her past rentals and the current market for homes for sale.

CC/DRB/PC discussed housing incentives. Spoke about steps moving forward and focus group. Spoke about the survey. Hayes noted we should be looking at all fronts, RV Park, Southwind, Code Audit, incentives, etc. McNelly and Gertler answered Council's questions. McNelly suggested forming a focus group to work this with as much dedication as people gave to wetlands.

McNelly noted within 2 months would have wetland overlay and organization adopted and this is the main topic we would hit next. We would like to continue working with Gertler. Knop said the next step would be joint DRB/PC/CC and have Chet and Gertler come and speak to us, after that meeting make topic of focus group. McNelly replied can we make that the topic for the Feb 29th meeting.

Ogilvie asked about the buildable lands inventory grant process, Gertler gave an overview, a discussion ensued.

Margo Lalich PO Box 1282: spoke about historic institutional perspective, sharing her housing story.

Bara Mbathie PO Box 1012: shared story about family about to be evicted about 6 months ago, noting there are resources available, giving an overview.

Aaron Matusick the arch cape project not dead forever, in purgatory right now, hoping to move forward eventually. Gave overview of NC Housing solutions. Spoke about the Southwind site.

Amber Fowler: thank you to everyone and appreciate the city and council letting everyone speak. Noted the appreciation of houses purchased 40 years ago.

Pat Durkin asked Bara questions about loans and classes. Bara noted a lot of banks and private lenders offer, adding there are programs to help people based on their income. A discussion ensued regarding timber company business partnerships.

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Knop thanked our guest speaker and Marcy. Thanks to our audience members, DRB and PC thank you for coming.

ADJORNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48__ p.m.

ATTEST:

Jennifer Barrett, Recorder

Barb Knop, Mayor