



RICHMOND CITY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

City Council Chambers
90 South 100 West
Richmond, Utah 84333

The Richmond City Planning & Zoning Commission met in a regularly scheduled meeting at 90 South 100 West Richmond, Utah at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Commission Members Present: Jay Bair, Cache Christensen, Jessica Dunyon, Sharik Peck, Brent Wallis

Staff Present: Jeremy Kimpton (City Manager), Justin Lewis (City Recorder), Amber Ervin (City Council), Terrie Wierenga (City Council), HollyJo Karren (Treasurer)

Others in Attendance: Debbie Zilles

Chair Dunyon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Approval of the April 11, 2023 meeting minutes

Minutes from April 11, 2023, Planning Commission meeting were reviewed. Jay moved that the minutes be approved as submitted. Cache seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion on Trails Master Plan update

Terrie reviewed the draft plan. She thanked all the people serving on the steering committee, the stakeholders, and the employees who have worked hard on this document. Surveys, public open houses, and online public input were part of the process. Each section of the plan was briefly reviewed and she encouraged all members to take time and review them. As Richmond City continues to grow, the Trails Master Plan will help guide strategic investment in sidewalk connectivity, trail development, and other outdoor recreation amenities. The main sections of the plan include implementation, regulations and management, and trail design.

Terrie outlined the different areas/graphs of the plan and possible future trails. The proposed trails are conceptual only and do not reflect any current permission or agreements from landowners. The City will work closely with individual property owners and managers on potential future projects and trails will be constructed only when, and if, the City has permission to do so. She briefly outlined some possible future routes; many will be long-term projects.

This plan will be reviewed by the Planning Commission once it is complete with a public hearing. The Commission will then forward a recommendation to the City Council for a decision; there will also be a public hearing at the Council level.

The Commission thanked Terrie for all her hard work spearheading this plan.

Discussion and possible vote on the General Plan update

Terrie presented the final draft. The previous plan was adopted in 2013 and is due for an update. The City worked with JUB Engineers to complete the plan, which will serve as a general guide for making land use decisions and is a reflection of the community's values. It will help guide the direction for growth, zoning, and development and can be updated when necessary. This plan reflects the public feedback that had been received. All comments were recorded and considered. The City needs to be proactive when planning for the future. Terrie encouraged members to stay apprised of legislative updates that may affect what can and cannot be done.

Cache said he has become familiar with the "Strong Towns" approach which is dedicated to creating strong communities to find a balance between vehicle/pedestrian traffic and profitably and livability.

Jess said it is important to enact rules, laws, and ordinances and have the ability to enforce them.

Justin explained that this is a guiding document that can be amended when necessary. Jay agreed that is important to have this as a base document that can be changed/updated as necessary.

Cache is pleased with the many improvements, especially on sidewalks. This seems to be going in the right direction.

Jess noted that this update helps make it more modern, and ensures that Richmond remains a great place to live.

Brent likes that the plan is concise but identifies all the topics. He is pleased with so many public comments and surprised by the overwhelming desire of residents who do not want the maximum height of buildings to be increased. This document provides a great roadmap for the Commission to use when reviewing requests and making decisions.

*** A motion was made by Brent to **forward a recommendation of approval** to the City Council for the updated General Plan. Sharik seconded the motion. **The motion passed 5-0.** ***

Yes Vote: Bair, Christensen, Dunnyon, Peck, Wallis

No Vote: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on June 6, 2023.

Planning Commission Chairperson