

City Planning Commission Operational Meeting

The City Planning Commission Operational Meeting, which included the City Planning Commissioners and CPC Staff, was held on September 12, 2023, in Conference Room A on the 7th floor of City Hall.

Attendance:

Present:	Absent:
Dasjon Jordan	Nomita Joshi-Gupta
Dianne Alexander	Lorey Flick
Kelly Brown	
Kathleen Lunn	
Robert Steeg	
Jonathan Stewart	
Katie Witry	

At 12:42 PM Chair Dasjon Jordan called the meeting to order. A motion was made by Commissioner Alexander and was seconded by Commissioner Witry to approve the minutes from the August 8, 2023 meeting.

Ayes:	Nays:
Dasjon Jordan	none
Dianne Alexander	
Kelly Brown	
Kathleen Lunn	
Robert Steeg	
Jonathan Stewart	
Katie Witry	

REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Executive Director Rivers opened by discussing the need for a special meeting for the Commission to review Master Plan Amendment submissions. Since only one public meeting is scheduled in November and December, those would be the most appropriate times to have an extra meeting.

Discussion followed as to the best time to schedule the meeting, with suggestions including having a meeting that extends into evening hours following the regular meeting, whether more than one meeting would be needed, and whether or not the process had to be complete by the end of 2023. It was tentatively decided to have one meeting on December 5th and a second meeting on January 9th following the regular Commission Public meeting, although Council Chamber availability will have to be checked before that can be confirmed.

Further discussion was held regarding the Master Plan process itself, how long it has been since the last Master Plan was adopted (five years, the legal limit for a new meeting regarding Amendments), other legal issues regarding the Master Plan, how prospective changes are advertised to the public (through the City website and GovDelivery), and if Council Members ever attend to Master Plan neighborhood meetings (occasionally). Commissioners expressed a wish to have staff reports before the first special

Master Plan meeting in December so they have time to review the numerous submissions from the public against staff recommendations.

Discussion was held about several development plans soon to move forward in the City. Audubon is planning to develop the last undeveloped stretch along the Mississippi River. The plan is almost complete and currently in the funding phase after which time the design review will go to City Planning Commission. The Bio District is planning some future developments and meetings will be held on September 21st and 22nd to discuss those plans. The River District's Top Golf design review is going to be announced this week. There has also been conversation with the City administration about "opportunity sites" such as the Plaza Tower and other sites. Which one would be chosen for development would be a matter of which is top priority. The City is currently planning an RFP to destroy Plaza Tower.

Residential Short Term Rentals currently have a TRO preventing the City from enforcing any current regulation. As a result, the City is currently not issuing any new licenses until the judge rules on the TRO on September 14th. Depending on the outcome of the court case, the Council may move forward with a proposed ordinance to ban all residential short term rentals. Funding in the amount of \$250,000 has been obtained for the planned study on Transient Lodging (formerly the NSTR study) which will now include a review of the entire hospitality industry. Discussion followed on the legal points of the TRO and its possible outcomes.

Report from Chair

None

Report from Committees

None, but Chair Dasjon Jordan thanks Commissioner Witry for her work on the CPC Retreat held on September 8 and looks forward to hearing about the 100-day plan suggestions.

Motion was made to adjourn by Chair Dasjon Jordan, seconded by Commissioner Alexander.

Ayes:	Nays:
Dasjon Jordan	none
Dianne Alexander	
Kelly Brown	
Kathleen Lunn	
Robert Steeg	
Jonathan Stewart	
Katie Witry	

Meeting Adjourned at 1:26 PM