



MONROE PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting
Monday, July 26, 2021, 7:00 PM
Zoom Online Meeting Platform

Chair
Jay Bull

Commissioners
Bridgette Tuttle, Vice Chair;
Kyle Fisher; Elly Britt;
Dionne Miller, Liz Nugent;
& Mike Stanger

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bull called the meeting to order at 7:04pm

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Vice Chair Bridgette Tuttle, Commissioner Dionne Miller, Commissioner Liz Nugent, Commissioner Michael Stanger, Chair Jay Bull, and Commissioner Elly Britt

EXCUSED: Commissioner Kyle Fisher

**STAFF
PRESENT:** Community Development Director Ben Swanson and Pernit Supervisor Kim Shaw

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1. July 12, 2021

Commissioner Elly Britt moved to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2021 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dionne Miller. On vote, motion carried 6-0.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1. Proposal to allow card rooms within the City of Monroe

Community Development Director Ben Swanson presented to the commissioners that there has been a proposal to allow card rooms in the City of Monroe. Most recently from a prospective buyer of the Monroe Air Field. He explained that the bulk of the regulations are in the business license code and the nuisance section versus the zoning code. Discussion continued among the commissioners and the Economic Development Advisory Board discussion was taken into consideration.

Vice Chair Bridgette Tuttle moved that the Planning Commission does not recommend that the City initiate a code amendment to allow house-banked card rooms to the City Council. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Liz Nugent. On vote, motion carried 6-0.

7.2. Review request to allow a climbing wall in the Light Industrial zone

Director Swanson explained this project proposal was previously presented to Planning Commission as well as City Council. They voted to not recommend approval to allow gyms. The consensus is that there are plenty of other zones that will allow gyms.

Vice Chair Bridgette Tuttle moved that the Planning Commission does not recommend amending the City's Comprehensive Plan and zoning code to allow gym uses in the Light Industrial zone. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Elly Britt. On vote, motion carried 6-0.

8. DISCUSSION BY COMMISSISONERS & STAFF

Director Swanson shared with the commissioners that the Planners are currently working on major Comprehensive Plan updates and gave some examples of the major issues currently being reviewed. The Downtown Master Plan will be moving forward by next year.

Commissioner Miller questioned what business was going into the building adjacent to Monroe Floral on S. Lewis St. Permit Supervisor Shaw explained that it is being renovated to a Taekwondo business.

Commissioner Nugent summarized the meeting topics of the EDAB Committee.

Chair Bull appointed Commissioner Stanger to perform as alternate to Parks Board in Commissioner Fisher's absence.

Commissioner Britt shared that the Chain Lake Rd. sidewalk addition is being constructed. She will be attending the ARPA funding meeting and will provide a summary at the next Planning Commission meeting.

Commissioner Tuttle spoke about several topics including the new pedestrian trail along the Fairgrounds, a ARPA funds update, requesting a sign code update and incentives for improvements in the Downtown area. Director Swanson will request Building Official Criswell to attend to discuss permit fees and timelines.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Bridgette Tuttle moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dionne Miller. On vote, motion carried 6-0.

Jay Bull

[Jay Bull \(Aug 24, 2021 12:04 PDT\)](#)

Chair, Jay Bull

Kim Shaw

Land Use Permit Supervisor, Kim Shaw

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