



Planning Commission Meeting Minutes for – February 3, 2016

Chair Laumbattus called the Meeting of February 3, 2016 to order at approximately 6 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: Commissioners Laumbattus, Oppel, McNett, Farnsworth, Cleland-McGrath and Pollard

Minutes

The minutes of January 20, 2016 were approved as submitted with an addendum of additional language added at the request of Commissioner Oppel at the February 3, 2016 meeting. Addition language presented by Curt Oppel by motion, seconded by Christine Cleland-McGrath: "That the commissioners had concerns about 17th Street congestion especially after events at Rice Field, concerns that the new 19th Street entrance become a bottleneck due to parent drop-offs and concerns that there is no dedicated parking for the Cap Sante High School."

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

New Business

Anacortes Community Energy Presentation

Mr. Jensen Lovelett, with Anacortes Community Energy, made a presentation regarding the Georgetown University Energy prize and the City efforts to win this prize. Mr. Lovelett explained that the Anacortes Community Energy is a group of energy efficiency program creators that is funded by the City of Anacortes and grants issued by the Northwest Clean Air Association and supported by Sustainable Connections, a non-profit community sustainability group located in Bellingham.

Mr. Lovelett explained that the mission of Sustainable Connections is to make Anacortes a nationally recognized leader in energy efficient, to reduce Anacortes's carbon footprint by 10% over 2 years and possibly win \$5 million dollars. Mr. Lovelett explained that the most effective programs from the 50 different cities competing for the prize across the nation will be turned into one super program that will be end up being deployed, hopefully, across the US to find the most efficient and effective new ways to reducing energy waste and increase energy efficiently in our country.

Mr. Lovelett explained that the main criteria of the competition is to reduce reliance on electrical, natural, gas usage in homes, schools and municipal buildings within Anacortes city limits. Data was collected for the years 2013 and 2014 as a baseline that will be compared to reductions realized in 2015 and 2016 and then will rank the cities accordingly. Mr. Lovelett pointed out that of the 50 communities participating, five are in Washington - Anacortes, Walla Walla, Bellevue,

Bellingham and San Juan County. Mr. Lovelett asked the Commissioners to think of ideas that the City can take to the GUEP to possibly secure the prize, such as loan discounts, robots and innovated energy awareness educational programs for schools and residences, etc. Mr. Lovelette explained several programs that are currently in use and will be available to the public on how to save energy and be awarded to do so. Mr. Lovelett asked that the Commissioners spread the word; the more we get the community involved and interested and excited, the more successful we will be in reducing energy use.

Old Business

2016 Comp Plan Update PC – Discussion

Ms. Libby Grage, Senior Planner, explained that various components of the Draft 2016 Comprehensive Plan will be discussed with the Commissioners this evening.

Mr. Don Measamer, Planning Director, announced that on February 17, 2016, staff proposes that the Commissioners plan a workshop/round table discussion beginning at 4:00 p.m.

See video on file at http://anacortes.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=46.

Meeting adjourned approximately at 8:00 p.m.