

## Minutes of the Syracuse Planning Commission Work Session, September 15, 2015

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Minutes of the Syracuse City Planning Commission Work Session held on September 15, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., in the Conference Room, 1979 West 1900 South, Syracuse City, Davis County, Utah.

**Present:**

Commission Members:	Ralph Vaughan, Chairman Dale Rackham, Vice-Chair TJ Jensen Curt McCuiston Troy Moultrie Greg Day
City Employees:	Jenny Schow, Planner Paul Roberts, City Attorney Stacy Adams, Admin Professional
City Council:	Councilman Mike Gailey
Excused:	Commissioner Dale Rackham
Visitors:	Ray Zaugg                      Adam Bernard

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1. **Department Business:**

Planner Schow stated there are a lot of inquiries and possible developments and future growth, but no official applications. Upcoming code amendments being generated by staff, the City is looking at changing the code to include all new developments to install meters on secondary water. The Mayor directed this code amendment to take through the Commission and Council to see if this is the direction the City wants to go and can start getting new development to install those and reduce that small amount cost on the City for remaining existing homes. Also an open and clean air act or clean water protection code that is coming down the line. The roundabout on 3000 W, they have started paving the road and getting closer to getting open. The street light went in on 1550 W by Syracuse Arts Academy, it's not running yet, but it is installed and getting close as well. Commissioner Vaughan stated Ninigret is the delay there, they have not signed over some documents to UDOT yet. There will be an amendment to Piper Glen coming soon, working with the developer on some minor change there. The Community & Economic Development Department has an ordinance enforcement officer back in the office and he seems to be really enjoying the work and has been very diligent and thorough, so if you do have any code enforcement issues definitely get in contact with Ken Sessions.

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2. **Commissioner Reports:**

Commissioner Jensen stated the City Council approved the subdivisions the Commission sent through. They have a new City Council member Corinne Bolduc. There were 9 people in the running including Commissioner Vaughn and myself. There were a lot of good candidates and the Council asked a lot of good questions, Corinne is in for the remainder of Brian Duncan's term, he was definitely a good asset to the City while he was here, he has a job in Brigham City now he's working for Box Elder County and lives there now, which is why he resigned from the Council. Doug Peterson after some interesting discussions was appointed to fill Brian Duncan's term on the sewer board until the first Council meeting in January in which time they will revisit that after the election. Commissioner Vaughan and myself will be attending the ULCT conference tomorrow and Planning Day on Thursday, so we will share what we learn with the group at the next meeting.

Commissioner Vaughan would entertain from the other Commissioners a proposed noise and light ordinance. The City needs something to be done on noise. Commissioner Jensen stated they have discussed trying to find an ordinance on that before and because of their last discussions on the basketball court and swimming pools, they need to have a fair ordinance. Would like to see a noise ordinance of low noise levels between 10 PM and 8 AM or something like that, basically so there is a higher threshold during the day, so kids can play and do their thing, but after a certain hour the City should have a noise ordinance. Commissioner Vaughan stated it might be helpful if another Commissioner would like to do a little research they would find out that Salt Lake has an outstanding noise ordinance in the State of Utah, it's patterned after some other jurisdictions to the west of the Utah State line. City Attorney Roberts stated Salt Lake County has a very good ordinance, not sure if that was the one referring to, it passed about 1-2 years ago and it is a very good ordinance. Commissioner Jensen stated they could bring that to the next work session as a starting point. Commissioner Vaughan stated with a few tweaks it could be very easily modified to fit the circumstances and unique character we have in Syracuse as opposed to a large metro area. Commissioner Vaughan also wanted to give thanks and admiration for the hard work that staff continually does on the behalf of the Commission, they make us look good by the materials they provide for them to discuss. Planner Schow stated thank you on behalf of all of staff.

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3. **Upcoming Agenda Items:**

Planner Schow stated they are doing some research on code amendment noticing practices and making sure the City code is up to date with State code and also try to find a way to simplify how they are written in the City code so it is very clear and very easy to follow.

Commissioner Jensen made a recommendation to remove Black Island Farm photo from history section, since they are up for sale and may not stay in Syracuse City. Also would like to add a credit section at the beginning of the document for the members who worked on general plan committee and staff who put a lot of hard work on it. Commissioner Jensen will send Planner Schow a list of committee members.

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4. **Discussion Items:**

- a. General Plan updates

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