



**MINUTES  
CITY OF LAUREL  
CITY/COUNTY PLANNING BOARD  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2019  
5:35 PM  
LAUREL CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**Public Input:** *Citizens may address the committee regarding any item of business that is not on the agenda. The duration for an individual speaking under Public Input is limited to three minutes. While all comments are welcome, the committee will not take action on any item not on the agenda.*

**General Items**

1. Roll Call

Chair called the meeting to order at 5:46PM.

Evan Bruce  
Roger Giese  
Jon Klasna  
Gavin Williams  
Judy Goldsby  
Nick Altonaga (City of Laurel)  
Richard Herr (Laurel City Council)

Gavin Williams provided a quick introduction. He left the Laurel area in 1993 and has recently moved back. He lived in Arizona for a few years after attending college. He runs sales for 360 Office Solutions and joined to board trying to get involved locally.

2. Approve Meeting Minutes: October 30, 2019

Planning Board members review Minutes from October 30<sup>th</sup> and November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Jon motioned to approve the minutes from October 30<sup>th</sup> and November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Evan seconded.

Motion carried.

3. Approve Meeting Minutes: November 20, 2019

**New Business**

4. Discussion: Growth Management Plan (Resources, Schedule, Assignments)

Nick presented the meeting schedule for the lifespan of the project and the notes drafted on the different topics to be discussed. Nick asked what topics do members think are important to discuss?

Members noted that they would like to see some documents and content to review.

Judy mentioned that it would be important to see a few more appointees with an interest in the work of the board and with relevant experience if possible. A wider variety of interests/experience such as bankers, realtors, business owners, etc. would provide better insight.

Roger brought up the Diefenderfer property along E. Railroad street and if the site/design issues were followed-up with. Nick reported that the design issues were handled and that there were a few minor issues still being addressed but this is with Public Works.

LARC center will be based out on the West End of Laurel.

January 7<sup>th</sup> - Present to City Council.

January 20, - Vue and Brew meeting.

Members reviewed and discussed the current Laurel Zoning Map and discussed the possibility of future growth near the West Laurel Interchange.

Richard Herr mentioned that some big things to discuss include:

- Yard office Subdivision (94 lots)
- West Laurel Interchange – commercial development (Motels, gas stations, etc.)
- LARC Center

Nick mentioned that the property south of the recent Yard Office annexation had signed a waiver for City Water Services. This might be a prospective annexation applicant.

Members discussed the difficulty in rehabilitating property due to buried gas tanks and other hidden costs.

Members asked whether any department heads have chimed in on the GMP update yet? Kurt recently brought up the possibility of a new water tank on the northern end of town and an estimated cost of a few million dollars to bring the project to reality.

Members discussed provision of service and how it can be a double-edged sword: Needing services to attract people to the area, but needing people present to utilize them.

Nick will be conducting outreach to agencies and inviting them to meetings of the Planning Board.

Jon – Discussed that there are multiple drain ditches near the West Laurel Interchange and how these ditches can complicate development.

Members had a general discussion of the road improvements near the West Laurel Interchange including turning lanes, the long development timeline for MDT and how we can plan to get things done, and the road network in the Laurel area.

## **Old Business**

## **Other Items**

## **Announcements**

5. Next Meeting: January 8, 2020

Roger motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Jon seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44PM.

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