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**NOME PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024 at 7:00 PM
RICHARD FOSTER ROOM IN RICHARD FOSTER BUILDING

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ROLL CALL at 7:05PM

Members Present: C.Hughes; C.Piscoya; C.Smith; C.Lust; C.Ford

Members Absent: C.West; C.Odden

Also Present: Brad Soske, Deputy City Clerk; Dan Grimmer, City Clerk; Brooks Chandler, City Interim Manager; Cliff McHenry, Building Inspector

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by C.Smith and seconded by C.Ford to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Building Inspector report and City Manager's Status of Hazard Mitigation Plan.

At the Roll Call:

Aye: C.Hughes, C.Piscoya, C.Smith, C.Lust, C.Ford

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. November 12, 2024 Nome Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by C.Smith and seconded by C.Piscoya to approve the agenda as presented.

At the Roll Call:

Aye: C.Hughes, C.Piscoya, C.Smith, C.Lust, C.Ford

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION ACTIVITIES

- A. Grant cycle open – apply for another grant to finish what we started.
- B. Signage for the East end. Swanberg dredge is owned by the city. Have Erin get involved.
- C. Arch would not qualify for grant.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Port of Nome Strategic Development Flyer

Comments and notes are FYI

B. Port Projects Status Report

Brooks talks about Local Emergency Planning Commission(LEPC). 2017 planning commission was updated and would make more sense to have a planning commissioner and should also include someone on the team from LEPC. Maybe someone from the Fire Department, Hospital.

How do we minimize flooding for the buildings? Asking the community to come up with a team.

The key component is in this email - team members should have knowledge of natural hazards that continually cause damage.

C.Piscoya would like to nominate her employee, Kevin, to be on the team.

C. Status of Hazard Mitigation Plan; Re Memo from City Manager

Brooks introduces himself and talks about how involved the planning commission should be and is suggesting to make a team, which would make more sense.

Dan Grimmer mentions that the city has two people who know about flood plain. The City of Nome has a flood plain coordinator, Angie Nguyen. Cliff would like to add that on our website there is a very extensive explanation of flood plain requirements.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

NEW BUSINESS

A. November 12, 2024 Planning Memo Re; Planning Commission Training,

Dan Grimmer mentions trainings are yearly ongoing and are required of the planning committee team. The CLG should look for an upcoming training for Historical Preservation Commission. Findings of fact, what are they, why are they important. The findings of facts can be made by anyone in the municipality.

B. November, 7 2024 Abatement Report from the Building Inspector,

Cliff McHenry, the building inspector report: Has 508 Steadman been knocked down, the owner is a major violator of building materials being dumped on the property with nails and all. The owner wants to clean it up and sell it on the market. Council looking through photos provided for the properties mentioned in meeting minutes. Mr. Sackett has been very charming but hasn't taken any action. Terry the mother says they're supposed to come to Nome to fix the property up. Nome building code says if building is secure it can sit like that for years. Joe Jones' place is secure but vacant.

Cliff says one of the structures ready to move in someone. He is making progress. Walk through with the city upgrades and they're impressed. Working with Cole and making rounds around town; have been looking for violators and putting a list of people sending a letter the

right of way. In the near future the building inspector will be allowed to give citations to individuals violating the laws. So many of the houses can be renovated to have people living in them. Thanked City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk for picking up the slack while he was out on his recent medical.

A motion was made by C.Piscoya and C.Ford to adopt the abatement list to give to the council to look at.

Discussions about the motion, removing property off the abatement list and keeping others on due to being a nuisance or danger to the community.

The planning commission to remove #1, #3 and #7.

A motion has been made by C.Smith and seconded by C.Piscoya to remove #1, #3 and #7 from the abatement list from the amended list.

At the Roll Call:

Aye: C.Hughes, C.Piscoya, C.Smith, C.Lust, C.Ford

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**

A motion to approve the amended abatement list with the removal of the three properties.

At the Roll Call:

Aye: C.Hughes, C.Piscoya, C.Smith, C.Lust, C.Ford

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Nome City Planner Update: Planning commission looking over the information provided on page 99. Dan Grimmer mentions the first reading was passed and onto the second reading. Any structure needs a building code.

STAFF REPORTS

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- A. C.Lust thanks everyone for being here. No other comments to add.
- B. C.Smith says it's good to have Cliff back and to have Brooks here as well. Everyone is doing a great job.
- C. C.Piscoya thank you for working on the mitigation plan and should be renewed when supposed to be. Glad we are doing the abatement list. Hoping no more training.
- D. C.Ford thanks Cliff and welcomes Brooks. We have to respect the process that others have private property.
- E. C.Hughes thanks everyone for coming.

SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING

December 3rd, 2024 is the next scheduled meeting. Back at city hall.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by C.Smith and seconded by C.Piscoya to adjourn the meeting at 9:01PM.

At the Roll Call:

Aye: C.Hughes, C.Piscoya, C.Smith, C.Lust, C.Ford

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED**