PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF MEETING
Wednesday, October 25, 2017
7:00 p.m.

A quorum being present at Centerville City Hall, 250 North Main Street, Centerville, Utah. The meeting of the Centerville City Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT
Kevin Daly
Kathy Helgesen
David Hirschi, Chair
Logan Johnson
Becki Wright (arrived at 7:09 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT
Cheylynn Hayman
Gina Hirst

STAFF PRESENT
Cory Snyder, Community Development Director
Lisa Romney, City Attorney
Katie Rust, Recording Secretary
Avalon Comly, Recording Secretary

STAFF ABSENT
Cassie Younger, Assistant Planner

VISITORS
Interested citizens (see attached sign-in sheet)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPENING COMMENT/LEGISLATIVE PRAYER Commissioner Daly

PUBLIC HEARING - ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT WITH THE HILLSIDE OVERLAY

Cory Snyder, Community Development Director, explained that the applicant desires to amend the Hillside Overlay’s minimum lot width requirement for slopes over 10%, which currently is set at 100 feet. The proposed amendment would create a two-foot increment increase from the base zone standard for every 1% slope over 10%. He said the applicant has expressed that the amendment “allows variation based on the lot’s topography rather than a one size fits all” approach. Mr. Snyder showed an aerial image of the Ford Canyon Subdivision to demonstrate the proposed change.

Chad Morris, applicant, said he believes allowing a lot width of 80 feet would allow for a more desirable neighborhood without all the different types of retaining, and would give more opportunity to construct homes of different values. He suggested the change would be helpful for all residential neighborhoods on the hillside.
Chair Hirschi opened a public hearing at 7:16 p.m., and closed the public hearing seeing that no one wished to comment. Commissioner Helgesen made a motion to recommend the City Council approve the proposed Hillside Overlay amendment with reasons for the action (a) – (e). Commissioner Daly seconded the motion.

Reasons for the Action (Findings):

a. The Planning Commission finds that the “decision to amend the . . . zoning ordinance is a matter within the legislative discretion of the City Council as described in CZC 12.21.060(a)(1)(B).

b. The Planning Commission finds that amendments consistent with the goals, objectives and policies of the City’s General Plan, as presented in the staff report.

c. The Planning Commission finds that the “one size fits all” 100 feet provision coupled with the cut and fill provisions, can lead to undesirable lot development on hill slopes.

d. The Planning Commission finds that the amendment allows for variation based on the lot’s topography rather than a “one size fits all” approach that bears improved fairness in the use of the overlay ordinance.

e. Therefore, the Planning Commission finds that the amendments are consistent with the desire to allow hillside development to be contextually developed in relation to topography and slope stability.

Lisa Romney, City Attorney, suggested minor changes to the language of the Zoning Text Amendment. Commissioners Helgesen and Daly agreed to incorporate her suggested changes into the motion. Responding to a question from Commissioner Wright, Mr. Snyder confirmed the City Engineer was comfortable with the recommended cap of 15% for an 80-foot lot width. He said staff believes the Zoning Text Amendment will potentially provide greater flexibility in the future. Chair Hirschi suggested that a more in-depth review of the Hillside Overlay should be on the Planning Commission goal list for 2018. The motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR CUPBOP CATERING

Commissioner Johnson made a motion to table discussion of this issue to the November 15, 2017 Planning Commission meeting. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO CZC 12.48 SOUTH MAIN STREET CORRIDOR OVERLAY ZONE

A joint work session is scheduled with the City Council and the Planning Commission to discuss the South Main Street Overlay Zone Plan on November 15th. In preparation for that work session, Mr. Snyder presented draft amendments to the South Main Street Corridor Overlay that move away from form-based code and incorporate Public Space Plan elements (available with the agenda on NovusAgenda). The draft amendments include a proposed use list, but do not include guidelines for existing nonconformities. Commissioner Wright said she likes the flexibility and the pragmatic approach, but emphasized that she would not want the changes to devalue property. She expressed a desire to be sensitive and recognize property rights. Chair Hirschi responded that changing the form-based Overlay would not necessarily change property values. Commissioner Wright said she wonders if changing the Overlay is a step toward rezoning.

Mr. Snyder explained that the draft amendments reduce the boundaries for the South Main Street Corridor. Chair Hirschi expressed appreciation for the work Mr. Snyder put into the
draft amendments, and said he is convinced now that the market will dictate what will happen on Main Street, with City influence through design guidelines and the Public Space Plan. He expressed concern that the draft amendments do not include a mechanism to enforce upkeep and encourage property owners to take pride in Main Street.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR’S REPORT

The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet in a joint work session with the City Council prior to the regularly scheduled Commission meeting on November 15, 2017.

MINUTES REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE

The minutes of the October 11, 2017 Planning Commission meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to accept the minutes. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:19 p.m., Commissioner Daly made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Helgesen seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

David Hirschi, Chair

Katie Rust, Recording Secretary

Date Approved