

**Montpelier Planning Commission Meeting
January 27, 2014**

Approved March 10, 2014

Present: Jesse Moorman, Kim Cheney, Jon Anderson, Alan Goldman, Tina Ruth, Jessie Baker.

Call to order by the Chair: The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Kim Cheney.

Comments from the Chair: There were no comments from the Chair.

Review minutes of December 9, 2013: Alan moved to approve the minutes as presented, Tina seconded, the motion passed 5-0.

Election of Chair: Tina nominated Kim, Alan seconded. There were no other nominations. Kim was elected Chair by a vote of 4-0. Jon was nominated by Kim to be Vice Chair, the motion was seconded by Tina, the vote in favor of Jon was 4-0.

Report on hiring Drafting Consultant: Jessie said that the deadline for the RFP is Friday. There has been no questions or applications yet but it's not unusual for applications to come in at the last minute. Jessie will email the commission to let them know if there are any applications received on Friday.

Review of data provided by Alan Goldman: Alan reviewed some data he had collected regarding affordable housing in Montpelier. The rental housing vacancies in the city are a little over 1% and the national average is around 6%. Alan said that if you build it, they will come because people want to live in Montpelier.

Jon made a motion that affordable housing be encouraged by density bonuses and other carrots and not by mandate. Alan seconded. The affordable housing will be defined by HUD standards. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Jesse made a motion that the affordable housing be applied to the whole city and not just in one area. Jon seconded. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Review of design standards – Waitsfield ordinance – Kim Cheney: Alan and Jon will rework the design standards. A design review discussion will go onto the next agenda. Jesse will put together a preliminary presentation and then have some of the design review committee members in to answer some questions.

Review of procedural recommendation from Jon Anderson and Tina Ruth:

Discussion of future agenda items:

Other business: There was a discussion about possibly changing the times of the meetings so the public is better able to attend and the timeliness of posting information so it can be reviewed before meetings.

Adjournment:

Respectfully submitted,

Tami Furry
Recording Secretary