MINUTES - Approved

1. OPENING SESSION

Mr. Ruge called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

a. Present: John Ruge, Katie Alexander, Marta Cerna, Farhan Bhatti, Monte Jackson, Josh Hovey, Gary Manns
b. Absent: Tony Cox
c. Staff: Brian McGrain, Sue Stachowiak, Andy Fedewa

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board approved the agenda by unanimous consent.

3. COMMUNICATIONS – None

4. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE –

Charles Calati spoke in opposition of Z-1-2020 and SLU-2-2020. Mr. Calati thought there was not enough information under the environmental review question.


5. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

6. RECESS – Not taken

7. BUSINESS

   A. Consent Items

      (1) Minutes for approval: March 3, 2020

         Mr. Ruge corrected the vote tally on page 5 of the minutes.

         Without objection, March 3, 2020 minutes were approved as revised.

   B. Old Business –

      (1) Z-1-2020 & SLU-2-2020: 300 Block of N. Capitol Avenue (PID # 33-01-01-16-177-002), rezoning from “DM-4” Residential and “E-1” Apartment Shop districts to “G-1” Business district, and Special Land Use Permit to construct a new parking deck

         Ms. Stachowiak reviewed the rezoning request and stated that the G-1 zoning is the most appropriate designation for the downtown core. Ms. Stachowiak reviewed the
Special Land Use request, the one-way street conversions, on-street parking, and the parking ramp entrances.

Andy Kilpatrick, Director of the Public Service Department, spoke on the parking deck’s ramps and traffic flow. Mr. Kilpatrick stated that Seymour Street could accommodate more traffic than what is current.

Mr. Ruge asked if the North Capitol Parking Ramp could handle LCC’s expected temporary parking needs if it is currently being underutilized. Mr. Kilpatrick answered that there is probably concerns about peak hour needs. Ms. Stachowiak stated that the ramp does fill up during the work days. Mr. McGrain stated that city employees will be moving back from the Townsend Ramp to the North Capitol Ramp and the ramp does get full.

Mr. Hovey asked about the City’s plans to move City Hall and if that would free up parking space in the North Capitol Ramp. Mr. McGrain said that the City Hall discussion is ongoing and it could be a few years into the future.

Mr. Hovey asked what might be the life expectancy of the proposed ramp if it was constructed. Mack Joven, architect, answered it is designed for a minimum 50 year lifespan.

Mr. Hovey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to recommend approval of Z-1-2020: 300 Block of N. Capitol Avenue (PID # 33-01-01-16-177-002), rezoning from “DM-4” Residential and “E-1” Apartment Shop Districts to “G-1” Business district. On a roll call vote, the motion carried 6-1, Mr. Hovey cast the dissenting vote.

Dr. Bhatti made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hovey, to approve of SLU-2-2020, 300 Block of N. Capitol Avenue (PID # 33-01-01-16-177-002), Special Land Use Permit to construct a new parking deck. On a roll call vote, the motion carried 6-1, Mr. Hovey cast the dissenting vote.

C. New Business – None

8. REPORT FROM PLANNING MANAGER – None

9. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON – None

10. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS – None

11. PENDING ITEMS: FUTURE ACTION REQUIRED - None

12. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.