

D. CPZ2019-00028 Historic Preservation: A proposal to amend Clark County Code (Historic Preservation Chapter 40.250.030) to increase the minimum number of commission members and to amend the appeals process.

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KAMP: Good evening. My name is Jacqui Kamp with Clark County Community Planning, I'm presenting CPZ2019-00028, Clark County Code 40.250.030 amendments.

The County has interlocal agreements with the seven cities and town regarding the Historic Preservation Program. The last agreements were updated in '97 and reference an old ordinance. In 2018 County updated the Historic Preservation Code 40.250.030 to provide revisions and clarifications for the program's existing processes which created a new ordinance for the code. Now the interlocal agreements need to be updated to reflect the new adopting ordinance made to the Title 40 last year.

The County and the City of Vancouver are both certified local governments, so certified by the State which means that they have the ability to maintain a local Clark -- a local heritage register and administer a historic preservation commission, so they're the only two in Clark County, the county and the city, the other smaller cities are not CLGs.

So during the interlocal agreement update discussions, the City of Vancouver requested consideration to revise the current commission members that are appointed and allow the city council to appoint members of the commission instead of recommendations to County Council.

Currently, the current process is cumbersome and long for the applicants who are applying and volunteering to serve on this commission. So this change would require an update to the Historic Preservation Code and to be reflected into the interlocal agreements. An additional code amendment regarding appeals for properties is also included for those city jurisdictions which I'll detail in a couple of slides from now.

So to kind of see how the current appointment process is for historic preservation commission members, there's multiple steps. When applications are received, the Historic Preservation Commission as a committee that reviews and selects from that list to interview. They then have those interviews, they do a rigorous interview process where they have a case study, they apply or they give one of the applicant's something that they've reviewed recently and give them the criteria and kind of see how they would use that criteria for that test case.

They then select the candidates that they would like to move forward to Vancouver, first city council. So the application applicant pool all goes to Vancouver City Council and they have their own review process. So they'll review the recommendations but they have the option of recommending whomever they feel is appropriate.

They then forward a recommendation to the County Council who also as well will take the recommendations from the historic commission, the city council and can do their own appointment or recommendations and interviews and then appoint. So all in all very kind of cumbersome process for someone that's applying, they may be interviewed three times for a position.

So currently the code states that there are to be a minimum of five members, we have seven members currently and we've had for many years and it's been working out well. There are certain experience and knowledge criteria that is to be considered for members. We always must include at least two professionals that have specific experience in identifying, evaluation and protecting historic and cultural resources and they can come from a variety of professional and academic disciplines which you can see on the slide there.

So for the amendments, the proposals are to increase the number of members from five to seven. The -- they'll have or the text in there that the City of Vancouver is to say appoint two members and the County to appoint five members. We will also update the appeals process in the code for Historic Preservation Commission decisions to indicate that the city or town code will dictate that jurisdictions appeal process or default to the county process which is an appeal to Superior Court.

So with the amendments to the commission appointment process, the review of applicants by the decision-makers will be more streamlined. So the applicants will be reviewed first by the Historic Preservation Committee, they will perform their interviews and then they will direct their recommendations to either the City Council or the County Council depending on which seat it is for, so we'll be taking a big chunk of the process out for those volunteers that are applying.

So for our public process, we began back in June with the County Council work session, the Historic Preservation Commission reviewed it in July, had their hearing in August, so the memo that you have before you is their recommendation for these amendments. We discussed this in last September at your work session and are here for the hearing this evening. The County Council will have review this at work session on October 9th and our Council hearing on the 5th of November. I'm happy to answer any questions.

BARCA: Is the City of Vancouver going through the same process to validate this?

KAMP: They will do that after we complete our process.

BARCA: After we complete it.

JOHNSON: So just for clarity, a Vancouver candidate would go to Vancouver, a County candidate would go to the County --

KAMP: Right. We will have like --

JOHNSON: -- kind of like a separation?

KAMP: -- specific seats that would be City seats and County seats, so...

JOHNSON: That's the big change.

KAMP: Yeah.

JOHNSON: Okay. Any other questions? Okay. With that said, nobody signed up, so I will entertain a motion.

BARCA: I make a **MOTION** to approve staff's recommendation for CPZ2019-00028.

SWINDELL: I'll **second** it.

JOHNSON: Motion's been made and seconded. Roll call, please.

ROLL CALL VOTE

MORASCH: AYE

SWINDELL: AYE

TORRES: AYE

BARCA: AYE

JOHNSON: AYE

JOHNSON: Motion's carried 5/0. And now we move on to any old business or any new business? Finally, are there any comments from members of the Planning Commission?

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

I would like to make one for the record. We are serving with one, two, three, four, five