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PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

The POCD RFP Review Subcommittee held a special meeting on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via zoom.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Winter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL AND APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES IF REQUIRED

Subcommittee Members Present: Matthew Winter, David Birnbaum, Marc Weingarten

Guests Present: Glenn Chalder, Planimetrics

Staff Present: Donna Hayes, LUA

3. NEW BUSINESS:

- 3.A.** Discussion and decision on choice of organization for submission to the Planning and Zoning Commission for the rewrite of the 2012 Plan of Conservation Development.

The subcommittee discussed the original proposal from Glenn Chalder of Planimetrics which contained more community outreach that they felt was necessary. Mr. Weingarten suggested that it would be preferable if the proposal contained nothing more than a Monkey Survey and the mandatory public hearing at the end. Mr. Birnbaum agreed and asked that there be a commensurate reduction in the cost. Mr. Chalder said that he was comfortable with the letter that Ms. Hayes had already sent out but suggested that a follow up letter be sent out with a deadline for submissions and creating the survey because it would give the residents an opportunity to participate. He would still like to have a community meeting before the meeting of adoption. By holding this meeting, Mr. Chalder finds that the public hearing for adoption typically goes much smoother. Mr. Chalder said that he would hold this meeting, issue a credit and would include it as part of the scope of the work.

Mr. Chalder commented that this was not his first Plan of Conservation and Development but was willing to work with the Commission to eliminate some of the meetings and focus on three specific topics. This would reduce his

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proposal to \$46K. Mr. Chalder said that he would be preparing a revised scope of work which would include the timeline. Mr. Chalder left the meeting at 6:30 p.m. leaving the subcommittee to discussion.

Mr. Winter felt that the subcommittee should recommend contracting with Mr. Chalder to the Planning and Zoning Commission at their regular meeting to be held after this meeting. Mr. Weingarten stated that he had looked at other plans that Mr. Chalder had created and while he felt there were no visionary insights in the plan, he feels he could work with Mr. Chalder. He believes that the quality of the POCD would be dependent on how hard the Commission pushes Mr. Chalder. Mr. Birnbaum said that he was not on the Commission when the regulations were rewritten and, therefore, Mr. Chalder is an unknown to him. He continued that he would happily join the rest of the subcommittee in their decision and feels that Mr. Chalder will do a fine job. Mr. Winter said that he does not mind having a split decision and believes in the integrity of the process and that each one of the members was willing to stick to their beliefs.

Mr. Winter moved to convey the subcommittee's recommendation of Mr. Glenn Chalder of Planimetrics for the rewrite of the 2012 Plan of Conservation and Development to the Planning & Zoning Commission. The motion was seconded. Mr. Birnbaum commented that his choice was for Barton & Loguidice. The motion carried 2 ayes to 1 nay.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Land Use Administrator

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