

Missoula City Council Land Use and Planning Committee Minutes - DRAFT

**August 24, 2022
12:00 pm
Microsoft Teams 1**

Members present: Stacie Anderson, Mirtha Becerra, Daniel Carlino, John P. Contos, Gwen Jones, Mike Nugent, Sandra Vasecka, Heidi West

Members absent: Jordan Hess, Kristen Jordan, Jennifer Savage, Amber Sherrill

1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m.

1.1 Roll Call

Amanda Vermace called the roll.

1.2 Approval of the Minutes

1.2.1 Approval of the Minutes from July 27, 2022

The minutes were approved as submitted.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3.1 Floodplain Mapping Update – Presentation from Montana DNRC

Heidi West joined the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

Mirtha Becerra and Staci Anderson joined the meeting around 12:30 p.m.

Cassie Tripard, Planning Supervisor with the Community Planning, Development and Innovation department, introduced the subject item and the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) staff that presented on the floodplain mapping in and around Missoula. Nadene Wadsworth, Floodplain Outreach Specialist, provided a team introduction and outlined her presentation.

Ms. Wadsworth credited all the partners involved in the project and gave some background on what floodplain mapping is. She explained the purpose of the mapping and why updates are needed. Nadene also provided some history of how data was collected. As a result of grant money that was awarded to the DNRC, a new flood study project was launched. Work began in 2019 and Ms. Wadsworth gave a timeline on the progress and what they hope to accomplish over the next few years.

Nadene Wadsworth continued by sharing a visual of the different flood zones and explained each zone. She also shared how to access the Map Viewer for the new draft

floodplain mapping. She shared the different options and changes to the website. The committee inquired about the mapping changes and how it will effect property owners. Ms. Wadsworth stated that flood insurance isn't required if a home is owned outright, but federal backed lenders would require flood insurance and the lender would notify their customers of any changes.

The DNRC staff continued by covering information about levees and how to ensure levees are in compliance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regulations. Furthermore, Nadene Wadsworth shared other ways FEMA gets involved in flood risk areas. Ms. Wadsworth continued by going over the levees located within the city limits. She also provided details about the Floodplain Regulations and things to be aware regarding flood insurance; including requirements, coverage and cost comparisons.

The committee sought information on what the city plans to do around the proposed flood mapping changes. Cassie Tripard confirmed that staff will plan to take a closer look at new flood risk areas and explore the potential into the buy out program. The committee also expressed gratitude for the work that has already gone into this project. DNRC staff also clarified that the draft floodplain map viewer is set to be available Monday, August 29, 2022. City staff planned to include the link on Engage Missoula for this project.

NA: No action required.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.