

COLUMBIA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINTUES

August 24, 2015

Present: Bryan Martin, Jason Towery, Jay Ball, Swan Eaton

Absent: Cara Watts

Others Present: Planning Director Kim Lyonnais, Senior Planner Greg Abramson,
Planning Administrator Elizabeth Duncan, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Dale Slack,
Ken Graham from The Waitsburg Times

The meeting was called to order at 5:28 pm by Chairman Jay Ball.

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Jay Ball moved to approve the meeting minutes of August 10, 2015 as presented. Swan Eaton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Public Hearing: Nuisance Ordinance

Chairman Jay Ball opened the Public Hearing at 5:30 pm. There were two from the public in attendance. (See attendance sheet attached)

Kim Lyonnais explained that the purpose of the Public Hearing was in order to review a proposed code enforcement/nuisance ordinance that was directed by the Commissioners to produce.

Chairman Jay Ball asked if anyone would like to be sworn in to testify. No one from the public chose to testify.

Greg Abramson presented the County Staff Report regarding the ordinance amendment. The county has received many reports of properties that were not in compliance with the County Code. The code enforcement/nuisance code will address violations within the County Code and will make dealing with the violations easier and quicker.

Chairman Jay Ball asked if there was any testimony for the nuisance ordinance. No one stepped forward. Chairman Jay Ball asked if there was any testimony against the nuisance ordinance. No one stepped forward.

Kim Lyonnais wanted to stress that the Planning & Building staff does support the code enforcement/nuisance ordinance.

Deputy Prosecutor Dale Slack stated that with the nuisance ordinance in place they would be better able to charge trouble properties. If we keep going with what we have now, it's just going to keep happening. The code enforcement/nuisance ordinance will make it so that they will be able to charge trouble properties where they were not able to do so before.

Chairman Jay Ball closed the public hearing at 5:36 pm.

City of Dayton Councilman Dain Nysoe asked what mechanism the County has to enforce the code enforcement/nuisance ordinance. Kim Lyonmais explained that the code enforcement/nuisance ordinance gives more details and description on what will be done in response to issues.

Bryan Martin asked that a few typographical issues be addressed before the Planning Commission continued with a motion. His issues were addressed and rectified.

After considering the testimony given tonight, the discussion with the Planning Commission at their meetings August 10th and July 27th and tonight, and considering the findings of fact in the staff report, and staff's recommendation, Swan Eaton moved that the Planning Commission recommend to adopt the Code Enforcement/Nuisance Ordinance to the Board of County Commissioners for their consideration at their next meeting September 2, 2015. Bryan Martin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Planning Commission Training List - Discussion

Kim Lyonmais explained that the staff developed a list of topics that the Planning Commission might be interested in discussing. The Planning Commission agreed that the list was interesting and was worthy of further discussion. They decided that at the next Planning Commission meeting they would discuss Urban Growth Areas and Growth Management.

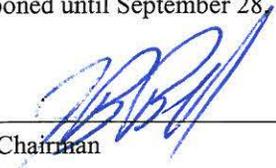
D. Miscellaneous

Swan Eaton asked how Starbuck was doing with their new code. Kim Lyonmais said that they adopted the sample code that they had put together for them and they were taking care of their own coding.

Swan Eaton moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 pm. Bryan Martin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 pm by Chairman Jay Ball.

Due to training that will be held on September 14, 2015 in Pomeroy, WA, the next Planning Commission meeting was postponed until September 28, 2015.



Jay Ball, Chairman

 FOR

Kim Lyonmais, Planning Director

Columbia County Planning Commission

Meeting Date: August 24, 2015

Room: Planning + Building Conference

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