

COLUMBIA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINTUES

October 12, 2015

Present: Bryan Martin, Cara Watts, Jay Ball, Swan Eaton

Others Present: Senior Planner Greg Abramson, Building Inspector Jake Davis,
Planning Administrator Elizabeth Duncan

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chairman Jay Ball.

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Bryan Martin moved to approve the meeting minutes of August 24, 2015. Swan Eaton seconded the motion. The motion unanimously carried.

B. Discussion: Zoning Ordinance Amendments

Greg Abramson explained that the Public Hearing for the Zoning Ordinance Amendments was changed to October 26th due to public notice requirements.

Abramson began the discussion by explaining the changes that had been made to Title 18. He first explained the text changes that included some typos in section 18.10.010, section 18.20.20, section 18.20.050, section 18.40.010A.

Abramson explained the changes made to the Matrix which also included some typos. The alternative energy source sections were consolidated into commercial and non-commercial sections. He went on to explain that definitions were added to better explain some of the sections of the Matrix. Swan Eaton asked about the wording that was used in regards to the Dairy Farm definition and suggested that it be changed. Greg Abramson agreed with the change in wording.

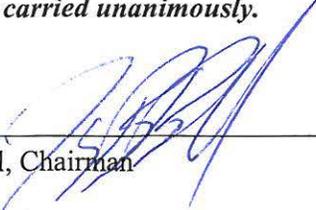
Abramson explained about a change in section 18 that will allow property owners to request an administrative variance to create a residential lot in excess of five acres.

Abramson also pointed out that the conflicts in the Matrix had been fixed regarding conditional uses in commercial zones and light industrial zones.

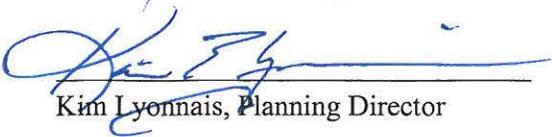
C. General Information Session – Urban Growth Areas

Abramson began a discussion on Urban Growth Areas, the purpose being to inform the Planning Commission where the Urban Growth Areas are and what can be done with them.

Bryan Martin moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 pm. Cara Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



Jay Ball, Chairman



Kim Lyonnais, Planning Director