

# COLUMBIA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINTUES

November 9, 2015

**Present:** Jay Ball, Jason Towery, Cara Watts

**Absent:** Bryan Martin, Swan Eaton

**Others Present:** Planning Director Kim Lyonnois, 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**

*Jason Towery moved to approve the meeting minutes of October 12, 2015. Cara Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

## **B. PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance Amendments; Title 15 Building Code, Title 17, Subdivisions, Title 18 Zoning Ordinance, The Matrix, Planning & Building Fee Schedule**

Jay Ball opened the Public Hearing at 5:35 pm.

Kim Lyonnois began the discussion by withdrawing the Title 17 regarding Boundary Line Adjustments to discuss at a later date. Commissioner Martin asked to table exhibit f regarding the boundary line adjustments because he would like to be present to discuss the amendments. The Planning Commission agreed to postpone the amendments to Title 17 regarding boundary line adjustments.

Lyonnois explained the changes that were made to Title 15 Building Code. Minor updates were made administratively to the Building Code to make it current. Sections that mentioned the "county treasurer" were changed to the "Planning & Building Department" and "building official" respectively.

The Planning Commission had discussed the changes that were made to the Title 18 Zoning Ordinance at an earlier meeting. Greg Abramson gave a brief update of what had been changed.

Jake Davis explained the changes that had been made to the Planning & Building Fee Schedule. The purpose of the update was due to the fact that Columbia County will be taking on Garfield's permits as well. The new fee schedule will create consistency with Garfield County. Minor changes were made. Mechanical, plumbing and placement fees were added. There will also be a five percent increase on fees for building permits. Chairman Ball asked if the Planning Department would be able to handle Garfield permitting. Lyonnois explained that they are already taking care of inspections for Garfield and taking care of permits would not be a problem.

Commissioner Towery asked if the “alternative energy” area had been removed from the Matrix. Abramson explained that he consolidated all of the alternate energy areas into two categories; “alternative energy production facilities (commercial)” and “alternative energy production facilities (non-commercial).” No further discussion was held regarding the Matrix as the Planning Commission had reviewed the changes at an earlier meeting.

There being no further discussion for the Public Hearing, Chairman Jay Ball closed the Public Hearing at 5:42 pm.

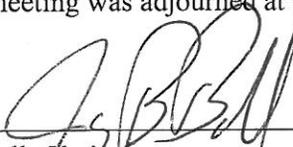
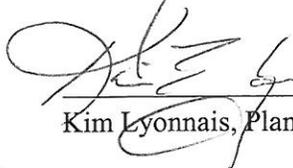
*After considering the testimony given tonight, the discussion with the Planning Commission at their meeting on October 12<sup>th</sup> and tonight and considering the findings of fact in the staff report and staff's recommendation, Jason Towery moved that the Planning Commission recommend to the Board of County Commissioners, to adopt the amendments to the Title 15 Building Code, Title 17 Subdivisions, Title 18 Zoning Ordinance, the Matrix and the Planning & Building Fee Schedule at their next meeting November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Cara Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

Due to a conflict in schedules, the next Planning Commission meeting was set for Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Lyonnais and Abramson gave a brief update to the Planning Commission on the progress of Columbia Pulp.

*Jason Towery moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 pm. Cara Watts seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.*

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 pm.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jay Ball, Chairman  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Kim Lyonnais, Planning Director