

PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSHOP MINUTES

Tuesday, July 22, 2014

10:15 a.m.

CONVENED:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mead at 10:15 a.m.

PRESENT

Chair Jo Anne Mead
Commissioner Don Collins
Commissioner Evan Goeglein
Commissioner Don Daugherty
Commissioner John Schaeffer
Commissioner Bill Jones
Lois DeBenedetti, City Planner
Council Liaison Mark Poling
John Kraczyk, Public Work Director/ City Engineer

ABSENT-

Commissioner Shirley O’Gara

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS-

Don Daugherty wanted the planning commission to know that he wrote a letter to the Caveman Group thanking them for participating in the Rooster Crow parade and representing the City of Grants Pass. Don noted that it has been several years since the Cavemen have participated.

Bill Jones mentioned that he attended a 4th of July parade in Wyoming, he commented on the variety of trucks represented in the parade including cement trucks.

OTHER BUSINESS-

1. Nonconforming use article

The Planning Commission reviewed an article from *Issues In Land Use Law & Zoning* which discussed nonconforming uses.

2. Nonconforming codes

The Planning Commission reviewed the Rogue River Municipal Code Chapter 17.60 Nonconforming Uses and discussion ensued. The Planning Commission discussed the 6 month timeframe to rebuild a destroyed residence in a commercially zoned district. It was suggested that this time limit may be too short; given a fire investigation may take longer than 6 months. John Kraczyk mentioned that item G states that if commercial building burns down (in a residential zone) owner is not allowed to rebuild a commercial building in a residential zone.

3. Commercial uses code excerpts

The Planning Commission reviewed Chapter 17.30 C-1 Commercial District. A discussion ensued including Mark Poling asking if the mobile vendors operating side the city limits were paying for a business licenses. The City Planner explained that several mobile vendors have business licenses – such as the mobile pet groomer; the mobile vehicle repair and others.

STAFF COMMENTS AND UPDATES- Planning Update-

The City Planner provided a memo outlining current planning activities.

Next Planning Commission Workshop, Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 10:00a.m.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Planning Commission the meeting was adjourned at 11.50 a.m.

Chair Jo Anne Mead