



JOSEPHINE COUNTY RURAL PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING

OCTOBER 31, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Rural Planning Commission met in regular session on Monday, October 31, 2016. The session was called to order by Chair Goodwin at 6:00 p.m. at the Anne Basker Auditorium, 600 NW 6th Street, Grants Pass, OR 97526. A quorum was declared.

Members Present: David Church, Jocelyn Richardson, Chair Margaret Goodwin, John Chambers, and Christine Gardiner.

Members Absent: Vice-Chair Ron Wright & Gary DeSimone

Staff Present: Director of Community Development Julie Schmelzer; Planner III Grace Zilverberg; Recording Secretary Melissa K. Older

2. PUBLIC LAND USE LEGISLATIVE HEARING

Chair Goodwin stated the hearing would be conducted in accordance with the Josephine County Land Use Hearing Rules. She explained the rules for the hearing. There were no questions or discussion.

2.1 Text Amendments to the Josephine County Rural Land Development Code

If approved the decision would allow a series of proposed text amendments to address marijuana production in the Rural Residential zones, and, other amendments deemed necessary for neighborhood compatibility, environmental protection, and to meet county goals, as allowed by state law.

Chair Goodwin asked if there was any one from the audience who objected to the jurisdiction of the Commission to hear the matter. There being none, she asked if any member of the Commission wished to abstain from this matter. There being none, Chair Goodwin continued with announcing the time limits for testimony as set forth in the RLDC.

Chair Goodwin requested Director Julie Schmelzer to present the Staff Report.

Director Julie Schmelzer summarized the staff report (**Exhibit 1**), to allow marijuana production in the Rural Residential zones, and, other amendments deemed necessary for neighborhood compatibility, environmental protection, and to meet county goals, as allowed by state law. Ms. Schmelzer presented a PowerPoint presentation as (**Exhibit 2**). Ms. Schmelzer presented amendment attachment B (**Exhibit 3**) on the basis of a letter from Williams CAC dated 10/27/16 (**Exhibit 4**). Ms. Schmelzer read the letters from the public that were sent to her in email (Dr. Christine Gardiner, Helen Early, Helen Scott, Philips Salfen, & Raymond Smith). After her presentation there were questions from Commission members.

Chair Goodwin asked if there were any other questions, with their being none she welcomed testimony from the public. Comment was received from: Larry West, Stacy Hanley, Bill Hunker, Joseph Rice, Michael Thompson, Peter Gendron, Mark Seligman, Kathleen Doyle, Paula Hagland.

At 7:58 p.m. Chair Goodwin announced she was recessing the hearing and they would take a five-minute break. She resumed the hearing at 8:10 p.m.

Following the break comment was received from: Jared Pans, Marlene Maegoland, Indra Nicholas, Jean Aguerre, Dr. John Gardiner, Claudia Beausoleil, Sandi Cassanelli, Dan Loughran, Nina Horsley, Jeff Gitto, Kevin McCabe, Dr. Shavana Fineberg, Vanessa Braeley, Bernard Falkowski, Bob Hart, Shayne Christen, Paco Despacio, Buttons Smith, Nick Kerby, Anna Fornachon.

Following the public comment period Chair Goodwin closed the hearing and moved to continue at a date and time certain to continue with no further testimony and deliberation on, and motion.

Chair Goodwin called for a motion to vote on the matter.

Motion by Commissioner Gardiner, a motion to continue the hearing on November 7th at 6:00pm
Second by Commissioner Richardson second the motion

Motion carried: Aye- (5); Naye- (0)

At 9:56 p.m. Chair Goodwin announced they would take a five-minute recess. She resumed the meeting at 10:01 p.m.

3. MATTERS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

(None)

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

(None.)

5. PLANNING DIRECTORS REPORT

5.1 Consolidation of Building & Safety and Planning

Schmelzer reported the Board of Commissioners officially combined the Planning Department with the Building Safety Department. The new department is called the 'Community Development Department'. The arrangement also now includes an economic development function as well. The offices are to be co-located to the first floor of the Dimmick building sometime within the upcoming months.

5.2 Codification Update

The county codes have been codified and are in draft format. It is expected they will be available to the public and posted online soon.

5.3 Code Enforcement

The Director explained the new Code Enforcement Administrator started in August. She has been inundated with complaints related to marijuana. Due to the volume of complaints she is about three months behind on inspections.

5.4 Planner Districts

To provide better service to the public, and to make sure planners are more knowledgeable of the area they serve, each planner has been assigned a certain 'work area'. Planner Black has the Merlin area, Silverberg the Grants Pass region, Schwartz the Illinois Valley, and Page has the remainder of the county.


5.5 Special Projects

The department has started actual community planning projects. Attention this season is being given to Merlin, Cave Junction, and the Williams area.

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business before the Commission, Goodwin adjourned the meeting at 10:21 p.m.

JOSEPHINE COUNTY RURAL PLANNING COMMISSION



Margaret Goodwin, Chair

11/7/2016

DATE

Minutes prepared by: _____
 Melissa K. Older, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by the Board of Commissioners this ____ day of _____, 2016.

Cherryl Walker, Chair

K. O. Heck, Vice Chair

Simon G. Hare, Commissioner

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