

**City of Buckley  
Planning Commission Minutes  
March 31, 2008**

Chairperson Liebel called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

The following members were present: Kathleen Snellback, Bridget McNassar, Dale Clark and Bill Dorn. Lisa Cramer and Cindy Maas were absent. Also in attendance was Associate Planner Suraiya Rashid.

**Dorn moved to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2008 commission meeting. McNassar seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Liebel had a question on the March 3, 2008 minutes. On the second page under Section 19.34.030, exterior site boundary, was this referring to the mobile home parks and is the way it was discussed and decided on. Dorn and Clark agreed that it is correct. **McNassar moved to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2008 commission meeting. Clark seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

**Dorn moved to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2008 commission meeting. McNassar seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

**McNassar moved to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2008 commission meeting. Clark seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

**Deliberation on March 17, 2008 public hearing:**

Rashid stated she didn't make any changes since the public hearing. From the meeting previous to the public hearing, she incorporated the changes on the matrix. Clark stated he was disappointed in the turn out we had at the meeting. He would like to brainstorm or think of some ideas that could enhance getting people to some of our meetings. Dorn stated he had attended Planning Commission meetings years ago and when you don't have the paper work to look at and you are sitting in the audience, you get kind of bored. But another thing is look how many Council position that ran unopposed, it is pathetic. People are all working and tired when they come home and don't want to come out in the evenings for meetings. Liebel stated one thing he thinks we need to do is give better, longer notice. Liebel stated one way that people can stay updated to what is going on is by reading the minutes. They are posted online once they have been approved. Snellback stated that maybe there could be a newsletter distributed once a month. Rashid stated you have to be careful about that as well because if you send out letters once a month but there is nothing really interesting, then they are going to stop reading the newsletters. Liebel stated we need to do a better job of announcing it and try to give more notice if possible.

Liebel stated as far as the content, he doesn't think there is anything to make changes on. He is a little concerned about the letter from Investco. It alludes to the fact that he wants us to move it on and then he will take up what ever issues he has with City Council. His concern is that beyond the obvious, if they get a chance to argue their points and City Council doesn't really understand what the Planning Commission was trying to do, does the Planning Commission get an opportunity to defend or present what it is that they have come up with. Or is it going to be a one sided affair. Liebel asked Rashid if she presents this to City Council or is it strictly done in an envelope with paper and they have to take it upon themselves to review it and understand it and decide and the only comment they get is from someone who comes and says something. Rashid informed the Planning Commission that this document along with staff recommendations will be going the Building/Zoning Council committee first and then there will be a committee recommendation to the entire Council. Liebel stated he doesn't have a problem at all with staff making recommendations; however, he does have a problem with the process. It seems to be broken down, why are they sitting here in isolation with very little experience and no input. They don't have a chance to explain what their thought was behind it. Why weren't the recommendations made to the Planning Commission during the process, why wait until the end and then shove it down their face. Liebel stated what has the Planning Commission done that is so out there that it is going to cost the investor any money. The Planning Commission all agreed that it would be a good idea for as many as possible to attend the committee meeting and also the council meeting when it goes forward for a recommendation to them.

**Snellback moved to recommend approval of the changes of Chapter 18 and Chapter 19 of the Buckley Municipal Code as written. McNassar seconded the motion.** Dorn asked if we pass this on, will we have anything to go back on if committee wants to go with staff recommendations. Rashid stated you only making recommendations to approve it as it is written. Liebel stated he doesn't think they will act if we don't move it forward and they will do whatever they want regardless of our recommendation. **The motion then carried.**

Liebel asked what is in store for the Planning Commission once we finally get through the subdivision regulations and zoning code. Dorn stated we haven't got through the storm retention ponds yet because no one ever put anything in writing for the committee. Liebel stated issue that had not been finalized were coming up was a reasonable plan without fences and making it look nice. Dorn stated there is also a liability issues and ownership.

Liebel asked if there is still the park committee that is working on the park plan. Rashid stated yes there is. Liebel stated we used to have a Planning Commission member who was on that committee and that was James Montgomery. Rashid stated he is still on that committee. Liebel stated should we still have a Planning

Commission member on this committee. Rashid stated she is sure James would like that.

Snellback asked if there are any festivals or a street fair that we can have a booth at to try and get people involved. Everyone agreed that may be a good idea.

The meeting on April 6, 2008 will be cancelled. As many that can make it will attend the Building/Zoning Committee meeting on April 14, 2008 at 7:00 PM.

McNassar announced that she will be going away for a year, she will be leaving June 13, 2008 but she is willing to stay until then.

The next meeting will be April 21, 2008

With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 PM

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Gordon Liebel, Chairperson