

City of Buckley
Planning Commission Minutes
January 13, 2014

Vice-Chairperson Harris called meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The following members were present: Howse, Leggett and Wink. Helmer arrived at 7:04 PM. Also in attendance was City Planner Thompson.

Howse moved to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2013 commission meeting. Wink seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Officer Elections

At the first meeting in January, the Planning Commission needs to elect new officers. **Wink moved to re-elect the current officers that are in office. Howse seconded the motion and the motion carried.** The current officers are Chuck Helmer Chairperson and Laverne Harris Vice Chairperson.

Amendment to BMC 2.33.020 – Meetings, membership, terms

Thompson went over the changes that have been made and they are as follows: 2.33.020 (2) Membership – All member must be at least 18 years of age at the time of appointment and demonstrate proof of residency through presentation of voter registration or other means and 2.33.020 (2)(b) One member may be a business owner who resides outside of the Buckley city limits, but who owned and operated a business within the city limits for at least one year before their appointment and continues to own a business in Buckley while a planning commissioner. **Wink moved to submit as written member criteria, regarding BMC 2.33.020. Harris seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Comprehensive Plan updates and comments

Thompson stated we do have numbers for the Park Plan. She has sent them to Recreation Director Boyd; however, she is out on maternity leave right now, so she hasn't heard from her. So we are a little behind but should be getting it together in the next couple weeks and should have it for you for the next meeting. Helmer confirmed is what the engineer firm provided for us for ball park cost estimates on various improvements to accomplish those goals, and that is what Boyd would be reviewing now? Thompson stated yes, not so much the numbers but what it means to the rest of the park plan. The Park Plan needs to be consistent with the Capital Improvement Plans and be coordinated with the rest of the

budget for the Comprehensive Plan. What the commission will need to do once the information is organized, is to prioritize.

Housing, she doesn't have any information on. She was hoping to meet with Ron but that is not going to happen, so she needs to find someone else that can help. Harris stated she will go over it and she will then come talk to Thompson about it. Thompson stated this is something that two of the commission members can come talk to her at the same time because that is not a quorum. Thompson stated she will make herself available to the commission at any time.

Urban Design, Howse stated she did have a chance to go over it due to the personal events of the past month. She will hopefully have some information for the commission for the next meeting.

Transportation, she has not yet heard from the Engineers as to where they are.

Capital Facilities and Utilities are also both with the City Engineers, they are working on it. The last discussion they had was on population and rate of change. The population rate that the Engineering Company is using for utilities and facilities and transportation is a little less than what we are using for everything else.

Thompson stated with the Public Participation Plan we are a little behind, we were supposed to have had the Park Plan done, but we did get the grant and we have final documents. Also on the Comprehensive Plan, there is a document from the Health District, on their website they have a great link that talks about questions to ask for Comprehensive Plan creation and review.

Economic Development, Helmer stated the review he has done so far, he has contacted the Chamber of Commerce and has not heard back from them. We did get input from one person on the Economic Development Committee of the Council and he gave Thompson several ideas that he saw in the handout that either changes the wording or eliminates the wording. Maybe at the next meeting we should do this one on the overhead and get input from the commission as a whole. Harris stated she is part of the Chamber and she would like to suggest that we form a semi-permanent liaison with them; she would be willing to do that. There was discussion about the issue of nothing on the highway that will pull people into downtown. The commission was very adamant about doing something to get businesses and people in town. There was also a brief discussion about making sure the WSU property gets developed the right way. Helmer stated even though our charter for the Municipal Code primarily says we are the keepers and maintainers of the Comprehensive Plan, we also take direction from City Administration, Mayor and City Council to take action on things, we are also allowed to take our own initiative to do what we think needs to be done, so don't think we are restricted. He feels this is something that has been on the back burner for too long.

Old/New Business

Marijuana Ordinance Update

Thompson stated she added a marijuana page to Business licenses on the website. In it she explained that the recreational marijuana sales that is controlled by the state is allowed as a specialty store, just as liquor stores are and are allowed in the CC, GC, HC and NMU zones. The medical marijuana is the only item that is under moratorium right now. The recreational marijuana whether it is a grow operation or retail sales, will have to go through the state 1,000 foot radius and will have to get approval from the City. The state is still looking at making medical marijuana the same as recreational so she is not sure whether or not to go forward with the ordinance or not. We currently have three business licenses that have been issued. Discussion ensued. Helmer stated so the bottom line is right now as far as an ordinance we are going to hold off until the medical marijuana rules are established by the State.

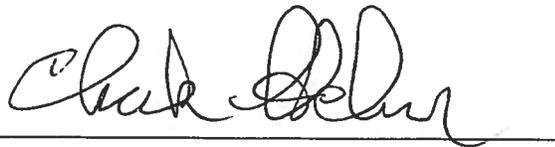
Helmer stated regarding the subject of a meeting with the City Council and ourselves, he felt they should establish when because their schedule is tighter than ours but apparently they feel we are the volunteers so they would like us to tell them when we should meet. The commission would like to invite them to the February 10th or 24th meeting and let them decide which is best, the commission decided to meet at 6:30 PM and then the Council could come at 7:00 PM. Helmer will attend the Council meeting and find out from them when they would like to meet.

Next Meetings

Our next meeting will be January 27, 2014 at 7:00

Harris moved to adjourn the meeting. Wink seconded the motion and the motion carried.

With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.



Chuck Helmer, Chairperson