

City of Buckley
Planning Commission Minutes
September 28, 2015

Vice-Chairperson Harris called meeting to order at 6:59 PM. The following members were present: Helmer, Hall and Beatty. Also in attendance was City Planner Thompson.

Beatty stated there was one typo on the September 14, 2015 minutes in the full second paragraph at the end, where it says on the Public Hearing and. Should and be removed or something else added. It was clarified that and should be removed. Hall stated and Harris agreed that there was a discrepancy on the minutes stating Vice-Chairperson Harris and the signature line says Chairperson Harris. The signature line will be changed to match the minutes. **Beatty moved to approve the minutes of the August 31, 2015 and September 14, 2015 Commission meetings with the corrections discussed. Hall seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Conversion Ordinance from BOA to HE

Thompson refreshed the memories of the Planning Commission as to why this change is taking place. Thompson stated back in July the interim ordinance that is backed by the Council to remove the Board of Adjustments as the hearing body for Conditional Use Permits and the Council as the hearing body for SEPA appeals and upon questions from the City Attorney he responded that we should remove the Board of Adjustments period. She brought that suggestion back to the Commission and they all said they were uncomfortable with that expansion without the Council telling us that it should be done. In trying to get the instruction from the Council she was told the Planning Commission needs to make this recommendation. Harris stated so in other words the Council just passed it back to the Planning Commission. Discussion ensued. After a lengthy discussion it was decided upon by the Commission that Thompson prepare a memo to the City Council saying the Commission recommend that the City Council expand the request to remove the Board of Adjustments from all decision making within the City and some of the decision we will review to make sure we are not over burdening the Hearings Examiner if there are any of the permits that can be done administratively.

New/Old Business

December meeting schedule: Helmer stated his only concern with only have one meeting in December is trying to get the Comprehensive Plan elements done and that we may possibly have to have a meeting to finish things up. Harris stated we will discuss this as it gets closer. Hall stated he will not be here on October 19, 2015 or November 16, 2015. Harris stated one thing the commission members need is a phone list for all members.

Discussion on Chairperson: There needs to be clarification as to who is Chair and who is Vice-Chair. Helmer stated the confusion began with the slow action on the part of getting him back on the Commission and his decision to not attend because he didn't feel it was right to attend and influence when there was no public comment period. We don't have anything in the City Ordinance that a new Chair has to be elected when the existing Chair's term expires. It was the Commission consensus that Helmer will go back to being the Chair and Harris will go back to being the Vice-Chair.

Helmer stated he asked Thompson to send to him a copy of what the Commission voted on as our recommendation that we passed to the City Attorney and City Council on the Marijuana Ordinance. He did receive this but didn't get a chance to review it until this afternoon. One thing he noticed is that it still says the "P" zone is permitted for marijuana production, not processing. He thought the Commission's agreement was that it was not permitted. Discussion ensued. There was clarification as to why the decision was made the way it was.

The next meeting will be October, 2015 at 7:00 PM

Beatty moved to adjourn the meeting. Hall seconded the motion and the motion carried.

With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM.


Laverne Harris, Vice-Chairperson