

City of Buckley

Planning Commission Minutes

October 18, 2021

Griffin called meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The following members were present: McCollum, McPhail, Mickelson, O'Neill and Viren. Garland was absent. Also in attendance were Building and Planning Director Emily Terrell and Associate Planner Evan Lewis.

McPhail moved to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2021, Planning Commission meeting. O'Neill seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Sign Code Updates

Lewis provided the full updated sign code to the Commission. This does include all updates to today's date. There was talk about taking this to public hearing on December 6, 2021, however if this needs to go to a Council study session, unless we have two meetings in December, this will probably then go to public hearing in January.

Temporary Signs – You can treat Commercial signage more strictly than non-commercial signage based on Reed vs. Gilbert. Our temporary sign code needed a large face lift specifically due to Reed vs. Gilbert. Terrell explained Reed vs. Gilbert and how it will work for our sign code. There was discussion regarding real estate signs, political signs, grand opening signs, etc. O'Neill stated he would like to recuse himself from any discussion of political signs. Lewis stated one thing under temporary signs is the sandwich board signs. With the proposed update it only allows non-commercial signs on sidewalks. One suggestion is to just call out specific zones for sandwich board signs or just call out in general, that sandwich board signs are exempt from this rule. Mickelson stated she would like to support the businesses with the sandwich board signs. McPhail stated his problem is they get left out and then it starts looking bad. There was discussion about putting time restrictions on them. Does Planning Commission think a free-standing pole sign which is actually a flag be allowed or prohibited. The commission stated they should be classified as temporary and there should limit the amount of them, time and spacing.

Comprehensive Plan Update Status: Fall planning and 2022 look-ahead

The Comprehensive Plan Open House was discussed. We will have visual displays, handouts and provide another route for the community can get involved. This open house will be November 15, 2021. We will publish this, post it on the Facebook page and in with the utility bills.

New/Old Business – Updates, Calendar & Deadlines

Lewis stated he will be sending a memo to the Council letting them know what is upcoming for the Planning Commission.

With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.



David Griffin, Vice-Chairperson