

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING BRIEF

Tuesday, August 16th, 2016

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Commission Members Present: Marty Bailey, Robert Spaulding, Ron Cholin, Bob Orlando

Commission Members Not Present: Kim Kambak, Deb Harper, Corey Engstrom

Staff Present: Phil Stenbeck (Director), Josh Smith (Senior Planner)

Provided Testimony: Greg Kelso, Andrew Anderson

Regular Meeting (6:30)

CALL TO ORDER: Planning Commission Chair Marty Bailey called the Commission to order.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A. LP-2016-100 for a 3 parcel partition on commercially zoned property previously used as a 7 unit trailer park, for the purposes of building duplexes on each parcel.

Staff - Staff gave a presentation describing the property, the requirements for the partition and how the proposed duplexes will be oriented on each parcel. Staff explained the need for right-of-way dedications, setback requirements, sidewalk constraints and the need to expand the access easement on parcels 1 & 2 for better maneuvering of vehicles. Staff then went through the various criteria that the Planning Commission should consider when reviewing this proposal. There was a brief discussion with the Commission about the uses in the area and the future potential of NW 2nd St. with regard to traffic.

Applicant – The applicant’s representative began by clarifying why Meadow Lakes Dr. is not centered in the right-of-way. He discussed the right-of-way dedications, setbacks, building orientations, fence lines, landscaping and access easement. The Commission asked some questions about setbacks, fence lines and vision clearance at the intersection.

Public Comments: There were no agency or citizen comments for or against the application.

Commission Deliberations – During deliberations several Commissioners mentioned that the proposal was a great idea and a good fit for the area. One Commissioner noted that at one point in the past the City desired to have commercial the full length of 3rd and 2nd street, however at this time it would appear that building duplexes now is a better option than denying the application and hoping for commercial development in the future.

Decision – Bob Orlando made a motion to approve the application as written. Bob Spaulding seconded the motion and the motion passed with 4 in favor and none opposed.

B. AM-2016-102 for a legislative text amendment to the City of Prineville’s Recreational Marijuana Code.

Staff/Applicant – Staff gave a presentation describing the history of the recreational marijuana code and showed a news clip from August 12, 2016, reporting on the DEA’s decision not to remove marijuana from the schedule 1 list. Staff explained that it was a difficult conversation and that there may have been some confusion about the federal drug schedules. Staff explained that there are 5 schedules that different drugs are listed under. Schedule 1 being the most serious to “over the

counter” drugs not being listed at all. Staff explained that currently the code would allow recreational sales of marijuana with any change in the scheduling of marijuana. Staff asked the Planning Commission if their original intent was for marijuana to become completely legal by the Federal government, before allowing it within Prineville or if any change to its status on the schedule would allow it.

Commission – The Commission asked several questions about the scheduling and how it works. One of the Commissioners had no preference either way. Three out of the four Commissioners present said that it was their intent for marijuana to become completely legal at the federal level before allowing sales in Prineville. One of those Commissioners noted that if any drug on the Federal schedule needs a prescription, it didn’t make a lot of sense to legalize it until it is completely removed.

Public Comments – Andrew Anderson, the owner of the only medical marijuana facility in Prineville provided testimony about what he sees happening at the Federal Level. He is worried about potential costly FDA licensing in the future and stated that he was applying for a license to do marijuana research for the Federal Government. He also commented about the amount of people already traveling to Bend to buy recreational marijuana that could be spending their money in Prineville.

Decision – Bob Spaulding made a motion to recommend option #2 to the City Council that would require the complete removal of marijuana from the Federal schedules before it becomes legal in Prineville. Bob Orlando seconded the motion and the motion passed with 4 in favor and none opposed.

Directors Report: The Planning Director updated the Commission on various happenings within the City.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:04 P.M.