

**MINUTES
BROOKINGS PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
March 5, 2002**

The regular meeting of the Brookings Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Randy Gorman at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Brookings City Hall on the above date with the following Commission members and staff in attendance.

Russ Fritz	Craig Mickelson	John Bischoff, Planning Director
Randy Gorman	Tom Davis	Linda Barker, Secretary
Ted Freeman, Jr.	Erin Gardner	

CHAIRPERSON ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Gorman announced the resignation of Richard Gyuro from the Commission and introduced and welcomed two new Commissioners, Tom Davis and Craig Mickelson. He said the remaining openings on the Commission will be filled by the City Council soon.

MINUTES

By a 3-0 vote (motion: Commissioner Freeman; Commissioners Davis and Mickelson abstaining as they were not present at the February 5, 2002 meeting) the Planning Commission approved the minutes of the February 5, 2002, regular meeting as written.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTION ON FINAL ORDERS

None

THE PLANNING COMMISSION TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTION ON WRITTEN REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

By a 5-0 vote (motion: Commissioner Freeman) the Planning Commission approved the final map for (File No. SUB-1-00) a 7 lot subdivision on a new cul-de-sac street named Ruth Lane; located in the southwest corner of Ransom Avenue and Fourth Street; P. John Kimm, applicant.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTION IN THE PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. By a 5-0 vote (motion: Commissioner Davis) the Planning Commission denied (File No. VAR-1-02) a request for a variance to allow a structure to be placed within two feet of the property side yard; located at 814 Second Street, zoned R-1-6, (Single-family Residential, 6,000 sq. ft. minimum lot size); Ken Meier, applicant.

Before the public hearing begin all Commissioners present declared ex parte contact due to a site visit. There was no challenge from the audience as to the jurisdiction of the Commission to hear this request.

Before the hearing begin all Commissioners declared ex parte contact due to a site visit. Commissioner Freeman declared he has done business with the applicant in the past but that it caused no bias. There was no challenge from the audience as to the jurisdiction of the Commission to hear this request.

This action was taken following questions or comments regarding the request from the following:

Darryl Niemi	17225 Mountain Drive	Brookings Oregon
Walter Murray	PO Box 1745	Brookings Oregon
Richard Heyman	PO Box 6328	Brookings Oregon
Jim Capp	PO Box 2937	Harbor Oregon
Al Finch	910 Weaver Lane	Brookings Oregon

The applicant waived his right to seven (7) additional days in which to submit written argument. The public hearing was closed at 8:45 p.m.

6. By a 5-0 vote (motion: Commissioner Freeman) the Planning Commission approved the Final ORDER and Findings of Fact for File No. SUB-1-02 as amended.
7. By a 4-1 vote (motion: Commissioner Davis; voting for: Commissioners Mickelson, Davis, Freeman, Gorman; voting against: Commissioner Fritz) the Planning Commission approved (File No. M3-1-02) a request for a minor partition of the 0.87 acre parent parcel to create two parcels, 18,422 and 19,768 sq. ft. in size; located on the south side of Fifield Street approximately 145 feet west of Smith Drive; zoned R-1-6 (Single-family Residential, 6,000 sq. ft. minimum lot size); George Watwood, applicant; Lloyd Matlock, representative. The approval included changing condition A.1 to allow a deferred improvement agreement rather than construct street improvements at this time.

Before the hearing begin all Commissioners present declared ex parte contact due to a site visit. There was no challenge from the audience as to the jurisdiction of the Commission to hear this request.

This action was taken following questions or comments regarding the request from the following:

Lloyd Matlock	PO Box 8026	Brookings Oregon
Mal Wilson	PO Box 6164	Brookings Oregon
Phil Platt	1108 Fifield Street	Brookings Oregon
George Watwood	97050 Dodge Avenue	Brookings Oregon
George Mahoney	1105 Fifield Street	Brookings Oregon

8. By a 4-1 vote (motion: Commissioner Davis; voting for: Commissioners Davis, Freeman, Gorman and Mickelson; voting against: Commissioner Fritz) the Planning Commission approved the Final ORDER and Findings of Fact for File No. M3-1-02 as amended.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTION ON COUNTY REFERRALS

None

UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Mr. Walter Battaglia, 17304 Blueberry Drive, Brookings, Oregon, approached the bench to speak. However, as he wished to address the Commission on an upcoming public hearing the chair advised him this would be ex parte contact and the Commissioners could not hear him at this time.

REPORT OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 6, is the kickoff for the Downtown Development Urban Design Studio Community Immersion Week. The meetings will involve citizens, community visionaries and merchants to help develop a plan for the Brookings downtown area.

MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

None

MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE MAYOR

None

REPORT OF THE PLANNING DIRECTOR

None

PROPOSITIONS AND REMARKS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

Commissioner Fritz nominated Commissioner Freeman as vice-chair. After the motion was seconded nominations were closed and the Commission voted to elect Freeman to that position.

Commissioner Fritz commented that Weaver Lane could be a pilot project for calling in DIAs.

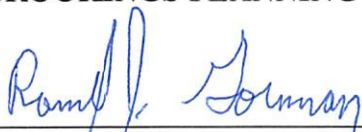
Commissioner Davis asked if there were any plans to continue meetings between the City Council and the Planning Commission. Director Bischoff said a meeting is being scheduled to discuss DIAs and the "S" curve on Dawson Road.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Planning Commission, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

BROOKINGS PLANNING COMMISSION



Randy J. Gorman, Chair