

MINUTES
BROOKINGS PLANNING COMMISSION

February 10, 2009

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Present: Steve Bismarck, Hedda Markham, Ken Bryan, Cheryl McMahan, Randy Gorman, Bruce Nishioka, Juliane Leighton

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Planning Director Dianne Morris, Senior Planner Donna Colby-Hanks, and Secretary Alex Carr-Frederick.

Other: Approximately 7 participants in the audience and no Curry Coastal Pilot reporter

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair and Planning Director welcomed Alex Carr-Frederick as Planning Secretary.

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

By a 7-0 vote (motion: Commissioner McMahan) the Planning Commission approved the written requests for a time extension on removal of existing structures located at: Map 40-13-31B, Tax lot 1317 File No. **M3-7-06**; Edward Curtis, applicant, and Map 40-13-31-DD, Tax lot 3200 for File No. **M3-1-06**; Rick Smith, applicant. In light of the current economic times, the time frame for structure removal was extended to three years.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTION ON FINAL ORDERS

None

THE PLANNING COMMISSION TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTION IN THE PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Chair announced at 7:06 pm that the public, legislative hearing regarding a city initiated amendment to Land Development Code Chapter 17.104-Home Occupations, (File No. **LDC-1-09**), was opened. The criteria used to decide the matter is found in Chapter 140-Amendments, of the BMC.

No exparte contact, personal bias, personal interest, conflicts or objections were declared by the Commission. There was no challenge from the audience as to the jurisdiction of the Commission to hear the request. There were no public comments received. The Planning Commission voiced no additional changes to the proposed revisions. Discussion was closed at 7:17pm. By a 7-0 vote (Motion: Commissioner Bryan) the Planning Commission moved to forward the city initiated amendment to Land Development Code Chapter 17.104-Home Occupations to the City Council.

COUNTY REFERRALS

None

APPROVAL of MINUTES

By a 7-0 vote (motion: Commissioner Bismarck) the Planning Commission approved the minutes from the January 6, 2009 PC Meeting with Commissioner Leighton abstaining, due to her absence from said meeting.

STAFF AND COMMISSIONS RESPONSE TO AN UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCE

Jan Krick of 1347 Chetco Avenue in Brookings suggested revision to the definition of Livestock exclusions. She would like it to include rabbits, pot-bellied pigs, and miniature goats and lambs in those exclusions. Linda Bozack of 553 Fern St, Apt. I, spoke in support of the request also. Discussion centered upon whether or not the request should be approached as a definition change, a new code creation, or perhaps as a CUP. The discussion was tabled and Chair Markham directed staff to create probable or possible wording for a new code and/or definition change. This will be discussed again at the March 3, 2009 PC meeting.

COMMENTS by the PLANNING STAFF

County approved a referral regarding a home on an irregular lot whose setbacks would need to be changed to accommodate a large new home. Staffs initial recommendation had been to not approve the larger home and change the set backs. Planning Director Morris reminded Commissioners Leighton and Nishioka their term expires April 1, 2009, she provided them with applications. Director Morris also handed out newly codified code chapters for the Commissioners binders, and informed the Commission that the City Council upheld their decision on CUP-2-08, a vacation rental.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Nishioka expressed concern about the County's differing view on urban development and asked Planning Director Morris to discuss how to move forward with City Manager Milliman to ensure Brookings and Curry County's future urban planning goals are mutually reached.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business before the Planning Commission, the meeting closed at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Hedda Markham, Planning Commission Chair
(approved at March 3, 2009 meeting)