

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

July 1st, 1999

City Hall Council Chambers
313 Court Street
The Dalles, OR 97058

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the City of The Dalles Planning Commission was called to order by Chairperson Walter Hoffman at 6:45 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Walter Hoffman, Bruce Lavier, Jerry Wilson, and Marta Moser.

Absent: David Peters, Jim Coggins, and Anita Payne.

Staff: Tom Boyatt, Acting Planning Director
Gene Parker, City Attorney
Dawn Marie Hert, Administrative Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was given.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the May 20th, 1999 meeting. Hoffman asked if any changes needed to be made.

Lavier moved to approve the minutes of May 20th, 1999. Wilson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, Payne, Coggins, and Peters absent.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Columbia Gateway Urban Renewal Sixth Amendment. Recommending Adoption of the proposed Sixth Amendment to the Columbia Gateway/Downtown Urban Renewal Plan.

Commissioner Jerry Wilson said that he had a conflict of interest and felt that he should excuse himself from the discussion because he was a member of a group that had recently filed a citizen's initiative to eliminate Urban Renewal from The Dalles.

City Attorney Gene Parker said that if Wilson felt uncomfortable he might step down.

Parker took a short recess to check the state statues regarding continuing with the Public Hearing.

Parker returned and said that the Commission could continue with the Public Hearing.

Dan Durow, Economic Development Director, summarized the staff report and read the findings of fact.

Hoffman asked for clarification on the word "Council", he was unsure if it meant City Council.

Durow said that it was City Council.

Hoffman suggested that the word "West" on page 8, section F, be stricken.

Durow said that the word could be stricken.

Lavier commented that the amendment that they were working on are the changes indicated by what was lined through, and the changes being what was underlined.

Durow said that was correct, and continued with the report.

Durow briefly described some projects that Urban Renewal was helping.

Moser asked if they were including the freeway intersection near Lumbermans.

Durow explained that Urban Renewal was only partially funding the projects, they would have to rely on other monies such as grant monies and help from the private sector.

Moser questioned the bonding for the Urban Renewal Agency.

Durow explained the mediation process that the agency had gone through, and that this was the end result.

Hoffman clarified what was being asked of the Commission.

Lavier asked if the verbiage was similar to the last amendment.

City Attorney Parker said that it was similar to the fourth amendment.

Moser stated that this amendment was basically a house keeping matter.

Parker said that effectively it was.

The Commission discussed the recommendation.

Lavier moved to recommend adoption of the proposed Sixth Amendment to the Columbia Gateway/Downtown Urban Renewal Plan. Moser seconded, and the vote passed unanimously, Peters, Payne and Coggins absent, Wilson abstaining.

RESOLUTION:

Resolution 409-99 approving adoption of the proposed Sixth Amendment to the Columbia Gateway Urban Renewal Plan.

Lavier moved to approve Resolution 409-99 recommending adoption of the proposed Sixth Amendment to the Columbia Gateway/Downtown Urban Renewal Plan. Moser seconded, and the vote passed unanimously, Peters and Coggins absent, Wilson abstaining.

COMMISSION COMMENTS & CONCERNS:

Moser asked for an update on the Scenic View Estates. Specifically regarding the storm drain issue.

Boyatt said that the project was slightly redesigned which created less hard surface and kept the ground more in tact. The City did not change its requirements.

Moser asked if the City was enforcing code violations. She was concerned with maintenance of driveways and sidewalks.

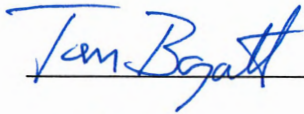
City Attorney Parker said that the City is aware of the problem and is trying to get to it when they can. Parker said that the City Code Enforcement Officer position is only a part time position.

Lavier requested that minutes from previous meeting be sent earlier if meetings are cancelled. He said that it would help him to remember what actually happened at the meeting, and make corrections if necessary.

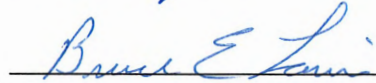
Boyatt said that it is a lower work load priority, and that staff could discuss mailing them at an earlier date.

ADJOURNMENT:

The regular Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.



Tom Boyatt - Acting Planning Director



~~Walter Hoffman-Planning Commission Chair~~

Bruce Lavier - Planning Commission
vice-chair