

Newberg Planning Commission Minutes
NOVEMBER 13, 2014 7:00 PM

Chair Art Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the City's Public Safety Building.

Members Present:	Art Smith, Chair	Philip Smith	Gary Bliss
	Cathy Stuhr	Jason Dale	
	Mayor Andrews, ex-officio	Luis Saavedra, Student Commissioner	

Members Absent: Allyn Edwards (excused) and Matt Fortner

Staff Present: Steve Olson, Interim Planning & Building Director; David Beam, Associate Planner; and Nicole Tannler, Minutes Recorder.

Others Present: Dennis Lewis and Robert Soppe

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CONSENT CALENDAR:

MOTION: Stuhr/Bliss to approve the October 9, 2014 Planning Commission minutes. Motion carried (5 Yes/0 No/2 Absent [Fortner & Edwards])

NUAMC POSITION RECOMMENDATION: Mr. Allyn Edwards was recommended by the commission as the regular member, and Mr. Matt Fortner was recommended by the commission as the alternate.

LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC HEARINGS: Development Code Amendment regarding temporary and portable signs.

Associate Planner David Beam presented the staff report (Exhibit A).

Chair Smith opened public testimony.

Dennis Lewis from Lewis Audio said the committee's purpose was to help our community businesses thrive. The umbrella change is important to allow restaurants to have shade for outside seating.

Commissioner Stuhr asked if it is possible to have multiple businesses on one sign. Mr. Lewis said the committee discussed having more than one business on one sign. We also discussed wayfinding signs, which we wanted to address as well as keeping signs clean and updated. He said they also discussed garage sale and yard sale signs with a sign you could check out at City Hall, but it seemed like such a large project to take on.

Mr. Robert Soppe gave oral and written testimony on the sign code changes (Exhibit B).

Commissioner Smith said the codes that are made need to be reasonably enforceable.

Mr. Soppe replied what I believe happens is we don't enforce what we don't like in the Code. Clarity to me is essential on significant things.

Staff recommended continuing this hearing to December 11, 2014. There was discussion on revamping the entire code. Staff asked for direction on umbrella signs. Commissioner Smith replied the committee proposed businesses should be able to use umbrellas with outdoor seating. He said Council had a problem with this recommendation because they thought they could put as many umbrellas up with signage without regulation.

Chair Smith stated the umbrella provision should be put in the code and recommendation.

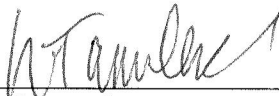
MOTION: Commissioner Smith/Stuhr moved to continue the hearing for the Newberg Development Code regarding the use of temporary and portable signs to December 11, 2014. (5 Yes/0 No/2 Absent [Fortner & Edwards]) Motion carried.

ITEMS FROM STAFF: IBPD Olson reported on progress on the Transportation System Plan with an open house December 10, 2014.

ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS: No discussion.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Approved by the Newberg Planning Commission this 11th day of Dec, 2014.



Minutes Recorder



Planning Commission Chair