

**NEWBERG
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 11, 2014 7:00 PM**

Chair Art Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Members present included: Chair Art Smith, Jason Dale, Gary Bliss, Allyn Edwards, Matt Fortner, Philip Smith, Cathy Stuhr, Mayor Andrews, ex-officio and Luis Saavedra, Student Commissioner.

Staff Present included: Interim Building and Planning Director Steve Olson, Associate Planner Jessica Pelz, and Nicole Tannler, Minutes Recorder

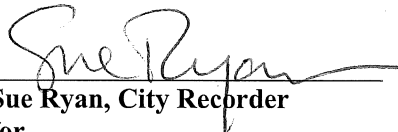
There was a brief update on staff items including that the Planning Department applied for a TGM grant through the Oregon Department of Transportation. The City received confirmation of its Certified Local Government status, which allows it to apply for historic preservation grants.

The commissioners went on a tour to Deskins Commons for the duration of the meeting.

Deskins Commons is an apartment complex that was recently completed by the Housing Authority of Yamhill County (HAYC). It is built around a historic house and was designed to preserve many of the large trees on the site. The planning commission has been involved in the project for several years; the PC recommended approval of a zone change from R-1 (low density residential) to R-3 (high density residential) for the site to allow multifamily development and increase the supply of affordable housing. The PC also reviewed the design review for the apartments because the existing house is a Newberg historic landmark.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Approved by the Newberg Planning Commission this 14 day of May, 2015.


Sue Ryan, City Recorder
for
Minutes Recorder
Nicole Tannler


Planning Commission Chair