NEWBERG PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES APRIL 9, 2015, 7:00 PM PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING (401 E. THIRD STREET)

Chair Gary Bliss called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Gary Bliss

Philip Smith

Jason Dale

Matt Fortner

Allyn Edwards

Staff Present:

Steve Olson, Associate Planner

Sue Ryan, City Recorder

Doug Rux, Community Development Director

Bobbie Morgan, Planning Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Commissioner Edwards moved to adopt the meeting minutes for March 12, 2015. Commissioner Dale seconded the motion and passed 4-0-1 with Chair Bliss abstaining.

QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARING: CUP 14-002/DR 2-14-020 Fred Meyer Stores, Inc.

Chair Bliss opened the hearing at 7:05 p.m. The applicant had requested a continuance and given a 30-day extension to the 120-day rule.

MOTION: Commissioner Phillip Smith moved to continue the public hearing to the May 14, 2015, Planning Commission meeting. Commissioner Fortner seconded the motion and passed 5-0.

ITEMS FROM STAFF:

AP Olson updated the Commission on the medical marijuana dispensary process. The Council approved the regulations recommended by the Commission with one amendment, which was changing the distance measurement wording to match the State measurement wording.

There was discussion on the terminology of dispensary.

CDD Rux gave an update on the Hazelfern Cellars application for a winery, which the Council recommended approval of to the County. The City's financial audit had been completed and Council approved a land transaction for a new Public Works yard.

ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Chair Bliss said Statement of Economic Interest forms were soon due. He said Argyle was still parking and storing boxes in their front parking lot. He thought they were ignoring their conditional use permit, and the City needed to be more aggressive in enforcement.

Commissioner Edwards wanted to make it easy for applicants to be aware of the Code changes that had occurred recently so they could be built into the cost of the projects.

AP Olson explained how staff met with applicants to go over those details and consultants also helped make sure they met all of the requirements.

There was discussion on the planning pre-application process and how to best advise applicants. It was ultimately the applicant's responsibility to follow the Code and staff would be working harder to deliver the information needed and review applications thoroughly.

Chair Bliss adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

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

Sue Ryan, City Recorder

Gary Bliss, Planning Commission Chair