

Council Chambers
7:30 PM, Thursday

A Regular Meeting
of the Planning Commission

January 24, 1984
Newberg, Oregon

Members Present:

John Englebrecht
Jean Harris
Kathy Kelso
Jack Kriz
John Lyda

Eldon McIntosh
Ken Overton
Arthur Roberts
Roger Veatch

Staff Present:

Clay Moorhead, Planning Director
Rick Faus, City Attorney
Barb Mingay, Recording Secretary

Citizens Present:

1 Citizen

The meeting of the Newberg Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Roger Veatch.

Motion: Harris-Lyda to approve the December 20, 1984 Planning Commission minutes. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

Public Hearing A:

Applicant: City of Newberg
Request: An amendment to the Newberg Zoning Ordinance to eliminate certain landscaping requirements within parking areas designated for long-term or employee use.
File No: G-4-85

No abstentions, conflicts of interest, or exparte contact were indicated.

Staff Report:

Planning Director Moorhead reviewed that portion of the design review ordinance having to do with landscape requirements. He commented that the proposed ordinance revision would not eliminate the 15% landscape requirements but would eliminate the requirement for an island to be installed for every 7 parking spaces in parking lots intended for long term parking, employee parking or church parking lots. He indicated that the revision would exempt parking lots of 15 or more spaces from subsections 1, 4, 5 and 6 of Section 622, Subsection C. of the Design Review section within the Zoning Ordinance.

No opponents or proponents spoke. No letters or comments were received. No public agencies commented.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff Recommends adoption of the proposed ordinance revision.

Public Hearing Closed.

An extensive discussion followed regarding parking lot aesthetics and the need to retain some amount of landscaping within the parking area. Concern was expressed that excessively large, landscape-free areas should not be created.

Motion: Kriz-Englebrecht to recommend to the Newberg City Council approval of the amendment to the Newberg Zoning Ordinance, amending Section 622, Subsection 3C to read as follows:

7. Parking lots in excess of 14 parking spaces which are used and designated solely for long term parking, employee parking or church parking lots shall be exempt from complying with subsections 4, 5 and 6 noted above. Long term parking is defined as "spaces that are intended for use in excess of four hours by a single user."

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Old Business. None.

New Business. The Commissioners reviewed a booklet entitled Local Planning Digest and two video tapes on land use planning in a workshop session.

Motion: Harris-Englebrecht to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.