

A Regular Meeting
of the Planning Commission

7:30 PM, Thursday

Council Chambers

April 17, 1986

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Roger Veatch.

Members Present:

John Englebrecht	Jack Kriz
Bryce Fendall	Ken Overton
Kathy Kelso	Roger Veatch

Member Absent:

Arthur Roberts (excused)
Eldon McIntosh (excused)
John Lyda

Staff Present:

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

Citizens Present:

None

Motion: Fendall-Englebrecht to approve the minutes of the March 20, 1986 Planning Commission meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing A: Historic Preservation Ordinance
Public Hearing closed. Commission Deliberation.

Staff recommends adoption of the ordinance as currently drafted based on the public testimony and Commission deliberations of the previous public hearings.

Chairman Veatch commented that the purpose section of the ordinance still contained statements regarding a benefit to the overall economy and property values. He felt that the overall economy and property values of Newberg would not be benefited by this ordinance.

City Attorney Rick Faus commented that the purpose section was frequently used as the criteria for interpreting any ambiguous sections of the ordinance. The purpose statements would then be additional criteria for the Historic Preservation Committee to use when evaluating applications.

Commissioner Englebrecht questioned whether the ordinance could be changed to include a requirement for a 90 day review period prior to demolition of historically significant homes that are not listed as a Landmark. Commissioner Overton commented that the public hearing would have to be reopened if such a major change were to be incorporated within the ordinance.

Commissioner Kriz questioned whether the ordinance as currently written would have any value as it appeared that it would not protect any homes except those designated on the National Register.

Further discussion occurred regarding the demolition of historically significant sites and voluntary versus compulsory compliance with the ordinance.

Motion: Englebrecht-Overton to recommend to the City Council the adoption of the proposed Historic Preservation Ordinance as drafted, based on previous meetings and public testimony taken. Vote on motion: Aye-Englebrecht, Fendall, Kelso, Overton, Veatch. Nay-Kriz. Motion carried (5-1).

Old Business: None

New Business: Planning Director Moorhead updated the Commission on future items they would have on their agenda. He commented that billboards would be a topic in the near future. He identified that a Comprehensive Plan Update was currently under review by the City of Newberg.

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