

**COLUMBIA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARINGS & REGULAR SESSION
CITY HALL – 1840 SECOND STREET
MAY 10, 2011, 7:00 P.M.**

PLANNING

COMMISSIONERS:

Deborah Jacob, Chair*
Glen Pritchard, Vice-Chair
Kelly Niles*
John Sachs
Lisa Bush
Nell Harrison
Kenneth Wieland

*Denotes Commissioner absent

STAFF:

Lisa Smith, Planner
Helen Johnson, Planning Administrative Assistant

OTHERS:

None

MEETING TO ORDER:

Glen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Glen led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

IT WAS MOVED (JOHN) AND SECONDED (KEN) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2011 AND MARCH 8, 2011 MEETINGS, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CITIZEN INPUT AND REQUESTS:

There was no citizen input, Staff and Commissioners determined it was because of the beautiful sun outside.

PUBLIC HEARING:

REGULAR SESSION CLOSED AND PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

Bias or Conflicts of Interest

Glen asked if there were any conflicts of interest or bias related to the hearing. None were heard.

Staff Report

Lisa S. stated this was a legislative hearing and the requirements are a bit different from other hearings. She then read the required statements for the record. The decision tonight would be a recommendation of the Planning Commission to the City Council with regard to the proposed amendments to the City's Development Code.

Lisa S. explained that all the technical information for the changes is listed in the staff report and she asked if Commissioners would like her to review the detailed staff report or she could go over the bold strike out copy of the ordinance. The Commissioners decided to just review the ordinance.

Lisa S. stated that most of the changes don't amount to much, they are mostly typographical errors except for one. She then review the proposed changes.

Lisa S. explained that the final change is the one that really starting the conversation of updates to the Development Code. She explained it only changes one word and relates to property line adjustments. Lisa S. continued to say that in the case of some of the older lots in town where non-conformances exist to current standards, this change would allow a change to a lot line where a non-conformance exists as long as the non-conformance is not increased. She also stated that because the City is aware of one property line adjustment application that would be affected by this change, it was determined it would need to be under an emergency clause.

Input in Favor

None.

Input in Opposition

None.

Planning Commissioner Questions, Discussion and Decision

IT WAS MOVED (KEN) AND SECONDED (LISA B.) TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL THE FINDINGS IN THE STAFF REPORT FOR CHANGES TO THE DEVELOPMENT CODE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:16 p.m.

Glen Pritchard
Planning Commission Vice-Chair

Attest by:

Helen K Johnson
Planning, Building Administrative Assistant