

**COLUMBIA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR SESSION**

CITY HALL – 1840 SECOND STREET  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2012, 7:00 P.M.

**PLANNING**

**COMMISSIONERS:**

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

\*Denotes Commissioner absent

**STAFF:**

Lisa Smith, Planner  
Helen Johnson, Planning Administrative Assistant

**OTHERS:**

Joe & Gunta Turner, Columbia City

**MEETING TO ORDER:**

Glen called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Glen led the pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Lisa S. recommended changing a couple of words in the June 12, 2012 minutes relating to the sign ordinance.

IT WAS MOVED (JOHN) AND SECONDED (NELL) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 12, 2012 MEETING, AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CITIZEN INPUT AND REQUESTS:**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

There will be a public hearing at the Planning Commission meeting in October for the sign regulation proposed changes. Helen accidentally did not get the public hearing notice published. The issue will go before the Planning Commission on October 9, 2012 and then if recommended to the City Council for approval on October 18, 2012.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:10 p.m.

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The Planning Commission meeting adjourned and the Commissioners, staff and the RV/Vehicle Parking & Storage Study Group discussed parking regulations.

Staff shared that at the last study group meeting the general consensus was residents should be required to park their RV, utility trailer etc. on their own private property. No changes are recommended to the current code allowing 72 hour parking on developed right of way. The group reviewed some information from the City of Concord California regarding their recreational vehicle ordinance.

There are still concerns about residents being allowed to parking personal vehicles on the unimproved right of way.

Lisa S. explained what the challenge might be for us is to have balance between the newer developments that have a 60 foot right of way with curbs, gutters, sidewalks and the 720 square feet of parking in the front setback of their property. Those properties don't have the 80 foot right of way that is not fully developed that provides an extra 20 feet to be filled up with off street parking as in the older parts of town.

It was determined we know what we want with regards to the regulation of storage and parking of RV's and similar types of vehicles. It may be at a later time would be better to address the long term parking of regular vehicles in the right of way.

It was also discussed that the enforcement of these areas be taken out of the Development Code and how to best accomplish that. Another point was to create clarity and consistency between the land use code and the City's Ordinances so it is not difficult for law enforcement to enforce.

Also the group discussed getting the definition of recreational vehicle consistent with the Development Code and Parking Ordinances. The term recreational vehicle should not include boats; they should be called out individually.

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Glen Pritchard  
Planning Commission Chair

Attest by:

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Helen K Johnson  
Planning, Building Administrative Assistant