

The City of Columbia City

In Columbia County on the Columbia River



Comprehensive Plan Review Committee Meeting Minutes - September 12, 2013 - 3:00 p.m. City Hall, 1840 Second Street Columbia City, Oregon 97018

Members Present:

Scott Jensen, Planner, Port of St. Helens
Karen Ladd, Citizen Member (arrived 3:15 p.m.)
Leahnette Rivers, City Administrator/Recorder
John Sachs, Citizen Member
Lisa Smith, City Planner
Casey Wheeler, City Council Member
Cheryl Young, Mayor (arrived 3:05 p.m. and departed 4:20 p.m.)
Sue Ziglinski, Citizen Member

Committee Members reviewed and discussed the following items at length with staff:

- Draft zoning regulations for a Village Center Overlay concept;
- Draft amendments to the accessory dwelling regulations;
- Draft amendments to the home occupation regulations;
- Information about back-in angle parking that is used in the City of Sisters;
- Draft Village Center Overlay map.

The Village Center Overlay would be created to encourage a mixture of small scale, village style uses promoting pedestrian oriented services and housing in the “downtown area.” Permitted Uses would include Type II Home Occupations (signage and on-site customers are permitted), retail sales, arts and craft galleries and studios, business or professional offices, financial institutions, eating and drinking establishments, barber shops, tailoring, printing, etc. Conditional Uses would include building materials supply sales, plant nursery, custom manufacturing of goods for retail sale on the premises, cabinet shop, plumbing shop, drive-up windows, etc. Prohibited Uses would include drive-in restaurants or formula food restaurants, amusement arcades, car washes, private parking lots.

The proposed area of the Village Center Overlay would extend along both sides of Second Street between "E" Street and the Community Hall/commercial building, along the west side of First Street between "F" and "H" Streets, along both sides of First Street and The Strand between "H" and "I" Streets, along the east side of The Strand between "I" and "J" Streets, and would include the vacant property to the east of "J" Street.

In general, members felt the draft documents were heading in the right direction. Lisa will make some changes based upon input received from members. Lisa plans to share the revised draft documents with the Planning Commission during their next meeting to bring them up to speed about where the Committee Members are headed.

Committee Members reviewed information about the upcoming 2013 Oregon Main Street Conference which will be held in Astoria October 2-4, discussed the success of the program in other Oregon communities, and agreed that it might serve as a valuable tool in our approach to developing a downtown.

The group will focus on the industrial zone during the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.