

Minutes

City of Molalla **Planning Department**

July 9, 2009

Call to Order

Chairperson Dick Miller called the meeting to order of the Planning Commission at 7:00pm on July 9, 2009 at the Molalla City Hall. This meeting focused on file CA 2009-1 an Annexation and Zone change of 4 parcels in the City of Molalla.

Flag Salute

Roll Call

Planning Commissioners:

Chairperson Dick Miller, Vice Chairperson Harry Ruth, Commissioner Bob Trexler, Commissioner Jerome Beattie, Commissioner Bill Hood, and Commissioner Christine Dublin.

Absent

Secretary Michelle Mills, Commissioner Joe Greenman, and Commissioner Tara Kramer

Staff

Shane Potter Planning Director

Approval of Prior Minutes

The Planning Commission approved the minutes of June 16, 2009.

Public Comment

None

Public Hearing

Chairperson Miller explained the purpose of the meeting and the procedures that will be used to conduct the hearing. Mr. Miller explained the procedures for submitting oral arguments for the record.

Chairperson Miller continued by stating that due to additional findings needing to be made on the Transportation Planning Rule that we will need to meet again to conclude this file so there will be no vote tonight however we will continue with testimony and review the record.

Planning Director Potter highlighted the staff report to the Planning Commission.

Staff Comments

Planning Director Potter had no further comments

Planning Commission Comments

Chairperson Miller asked if the City going to take over the existing storm drainage system that is part of one of those lots or will it revert back to the owner.

Planning Director Potter stated that this was decided to the City during the construction of the 4-corners project and was part of that deal and as far as staff was aware the property is and will continue to be under the ownership of the City.

Mr. Miller asked why the City had not annexed this property earlier since it was city property.

Mr. Potter replied that we have been working on this annexation for some time and we have unfortunately ran into some problems getting all the findings and information such as the legal descriptions together until recently.

Mr. Herigstad, 128 Shirley St, Molalla, OR 97038

Mr. Herigstad asked if we could point out the annexed and un-annexed areas on the map. Planning Director Potter did this. Mr. Herigstad asked why we have so many county parcels that should be squared up to be in the city. Mr. Potter stated that we are working on how we will address islands but that will occur in the future.

Mr. Herigstad owns one of the parcels being considered in this application and stated that he really appreciates the City of Molalla's attitude towards working with citizens on annexations.

Upcoming Meetings

Chairperson Miller requested another meeting to address the TPR findings for Thursday July 16, 2009. The next hearing is scheduled for Thursday July 16, 2009 at 7:00pm at the Molalla City Hall for review of this file (CA 2009-1).

Close Public Hearing

Commissioner Beattie voted to close the public hearing, Commissioner Trexler seconded all Planning Commission members present voted to close the public hearing at 7:24pm.

New Business

Planning Director Potter updated the Planning Commission on the need to hold a Hazard Mitigation meeting with the County to finish up the hazard mitigation process the city began nearly 3 years ago. The Planning Commission said to set a couple of dates and get back to them so they could decide which would be the best date to address this.

The Planning Commission asked how the interaction with the City Council would go when we brought all the long range plans to them after Planning Commission recommendation? Planning Director Potter stated that they would be like staff and would have one or multiple members present to provide comments. Staff will be there to provide technical assistance and also address questions and concerns raised by the City Council.

Planning Director Potter stated that TEAM has 4 positions open on their board and are looking for interested parties to fill that need. I explained that Planning Commission members who met their requirements could apply.

Mr. Potter continued by stating that he wanted to thank Chairperson Miller for bringing a request to thank Mr. and Mrs. Deardorf for painting several buildings in the downtown

before the 4th. It really improved the look of the downtown especially prior to the biggest event of the year for the community. Mr. Miller would like to prepare a letter to be sent to the Deardorf's from the entire board thanking them for their enhancements. There was discussion by the Planning Commission how they were in support of this because the ultimate goal of all the plans is to make Molalla more livable and to rebuild the downtown into a thriving business area.

Planning Director Potter invited the Planning Commission to attend a portion of the TEAM retreat to learn about the downtown revitalization projects.

Planning Director Potter also stated that September 17, 2009 will be the next business summit and would be good to have Planning Commission members present for this event.

Adjournment

Chairperson Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:04pm.

An audio recording of the hearing is on file at City Hall.