

**JACKSON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING**

March 26, 2009

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Reeve Hennion, Commissioner Richard Thierolf, Jr. ,
Commissioner Don Greene, Commissioner Tani Wouters and
Commissioner Joel Ockunzzi.

GUESTS PRESENT: Tom Lowell, Raul Woerner and Mike Savage, CSA Planning Ltd and
2 other guests.

STAFF PRESENT: Kelly Madding, Development Services Director; Josh LeBombard
and Craig Anderson, Planners ; Kim Saltonstall, Office Assistant.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Reeve Hennion at 9:04 a.m. The roll was called.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Commissioner Don Greene and seconded by Commissioner Tani Wouters to approve the February 12 and February 26, 2009 meeting minutes. The motion was approved by a unanimous "Aye" vote.

POTENTIAL BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Tom Lowell, 7340 Adams Rd, Talent, Oregon - Mr. Lowell wished to address the Wildfire Hazard, Emergency Vehicle Access and Private Roads Standards. He cautioned the commissioners about setting standards that may be unfair to existing property owners with previously acceptable access.

Josh LeBombard advised Mr. Lowell and the Commissioners, based on the direction of County Counsel, no public testimony or Commission discussion would be allowed on the Record for this topic as today's agenda item is not a Public Hearing.

Commissioner Hennion allowed Mr. Lowell to comment, if he wished, with the understanding that his comments would not become a part of the Record of case number LRP2004-00014B.

Tom Lowell stated that he believed County Counsel's advise on this subject constitutes a "gag order" on the citizens of Jackson County and the Planning Commissioners and that it's another example of intimidation and poor advise.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

BUSINESS FROM THE PLANNING DIVISION:

A. Staff Update on the Amendments to the Wildfire Hazard, Emergency Vehicle Access and Private Roads Standards.

Josh LeBombard gave historical information about the proposed amendment process up to this point for the benefit of Commission Members that were not a part of the Commission when the application started.

A motion was made by Commissioner Don Greene and seconded by Commissioner Richard Thierolf to schedule a continued Public Hearing on LRP2004-00014b on Thursday, May 28, 2009 at 9:00am. The motion was approved by a unanimous "Aye" vote.

B. CCI Recommendations for participants on the Energy Working Group.

Kelly Madding, Development Services Director, updated the Commissioners as to the status of the 2009 Work Program. Her recommendation included a joint session with the Board of Commissioners and a reduction of Comp Planning items scheduled to be worked on during the coming year to facilitate the completion of items in a timely manner. With 2.5 employees dedicated to Comprehensive Planning in the department, items for consideration must be limited at this time.

Kelly, after meeting with staff, recommends starting with the Economy Element with consideration that Regional Problem Solving (RPS) will consume a great deal of time when it is presented to this Commission.

The Commission discussed the time-line and status of the RPS process after last weeks decision by RPS to continue without Jacksonville. Kelly answered questions and the Commission discussed the process up to this point with speculation about how it will proceed.

Craig Anderson presented two memos:

1. A CCI Recommendation for the Energy Working Group based on the applications received.
2. A Review of Energy Working Group Applications.

The Commission discussed waiting to review this further until a decision is made about the priority of the 2009 Work Program.

Commissioner Wouters asked what, if any, criteria was used in CCI's process of making a recommendation of working group members. Josh LeBombard, staff, answered questions about the decision making process in terms of the numbers of members and the priority of their qualifications.

The Commissioners and Craig Anderson discussed adding to the number of applicants that the CCI recommended for the Working Group for a more diverse group including members from larger companies in different sectors.

Don Greene reminded the Commissioners that the information assembled by a working group is only a recommendation of procedure that the Planning Commission will refine and ultimately write.

The Commissioners also discussed the role of the CCI and it's Work Program, as adopted by the Board of Commissioners.

The Commissioners decided to delay finalizing the decision about the applicants for an energy Working Group and its' priority in the 2009 Work Program until a later date. Reeve asked Josh to find out if there were additional names that could/should be added to the applicant list and to return to the Commission with his findings at the next meeting where the Work Group topic is discussed.

BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Josh advised the Commissioners that due to technical difficulties, the LDO Text Amendment agenda item on yesterday's Board of Commissioners meeting was continued to a later date.

BUSINESS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Don Greene stated that he was having time issues with his liaison duties on the CCI and asked Tani if she would consider filling this duty. Tani agreed and expressed her desire to help the group in any way she could.

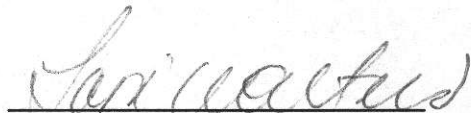
Commissioner Ockunzzi asked about the expediency of legally established parcel determinations. He would like to see the application process move more quickly.

Raul Woerner, CSA Planning, 4497 Brownridge Terr., Medford, Oregon - Raul, as a member of today's audience, answered questions, by the Commissioners, regarding a Title Company's involvement in the process of lawfully established parcels.

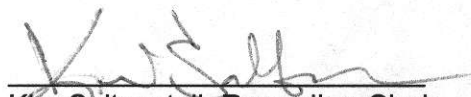
The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 9, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:53 am.

Respectfully submitted,

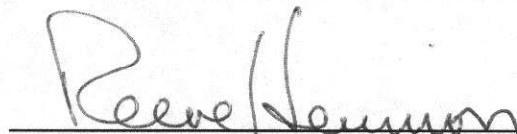


Tani Wouters, Secretary



Kim Saltonstall, Recording Clerk

Approved this 9th day of April, 2008.
JACKSON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION



Reeve Hennion, Chair

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