

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

OCTOBER 10, 2023

7:00 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER (Via Zoom & In-Person)

Commissioner Marsh called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. FLAG SALUTE:

Commissioner Marsh led the Planning Commission, Staff and Audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. ROLL CALL:

Planning Commission

Commissioner Frederick Cruger – Present
Commissioner Ron Stephenson– Absent
Commissioner Scott Morrison – Present
Commissioner Chris Marsh – Present
Commissioner Jude Anderson - Present

City Staff

Darla Reese, City Clerk
Eric Jensen, Community Dev. Director

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of September 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Minutes of September 21, 2023 with closure changed to reflect Commissioner Marsh closed the meeting not Commissioner Cruger. Commissioner Morrison seconded. Motion carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS – NON-ACTION ITEMS

No one was present online to speak during this portion of the meeting, and no written correspondence had been received.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Sign Code Amendment (Freestanding Pole Signs)

Community Development Director Jensen discussed the following recommended change on the sign code:

Replace all Granite Falls Municipal Code (GFMC) provisions allowing freestanding signs with monument signage standards. This includes citations found in GFMC 19.06.040.D.2(a), .3(a), .3(c), and .4(b)

- 19.06.040.E.4(d)i
- 19.06.040.F.5(e) i, and .6
- 19.06.040.G.8(e) i, and .9
- 19.06.040.H.8(d)ii, iii, and (h)i
- 19.06.040.I.5(b)

Commissioner Anderson moved to recommend to approve. Commissioner Morrison seconded. Motion carried.

B. Preliminary Community Survey Results

Community Development Director Jensen reviewed the preliminary survey results with the planning commission. He is still waiting for some additional surveys to be submitted before finalizing and giving a summary report.

7. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. RV Parks Code Amendment

Commissioner Marsh moved to forward this onto the city council to remove Recreational RV Parks from the code. Commissioner Morrison seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

B. Joint City Council/Planning Commission Workshop Preparation and Issues

Three topics of discussion over a series of two to three joint workshops with the city council and planning commission:

- ✚ Housing
- ✚ Galena St.
- ✚ Public Parks/City owned properties

Commissioner Cruger to attend next week's city council meeting to discuss planning commission's views/order of discussion items.

8. REPORTS:

A. Staff Reports

Commissioner Cruger asked about slam dunk business and if anyone has heard or used them before.

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

Commissioner Marsh mentioned a discussion on “grizzly bears” is forthcoming to the city. It is currently a topic of discussion in Darrington.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Marsh adjourned the meeting.