

**Minutes of the Public Meeting of the
Morrow County Planning Commission
Tuesday, September 24, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
Bartholomew Building, Heppner, Oregon**

Morrow County Planning Commissioners Present: Vice Chair Mifflin Devin, Stanley Anderson, Stacie Ekstrom, Wayne Seitz, Karl Smith, Greg Sweek, Brian Thompson

Members Excused: Chair Jeff Wenholz, Rod Taylor.

Morrow County Staff Present: Carla McLane, Planning Director; Stephen Wrecsics, GIS Planning Technician; Justin Nelson, County Counsel.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Sweek moved to approve the Minutes of August 27, 2019. Commissioner Smith Seconded. Motion Carried.

Planning Commission Vice Chair Devin read the Planning Commission Hearing Procedures.

Hardship Variance HV-N-037-19: Jose Calvillo, applicant and owner. The property is described as Tax Lot 400 of Assessor's Map 5N 26E 26BC. The property is located on Gravel Pit Lane approximately one mile west of Irrigon and is zoned Rural Residential. Request is to site a double wide manufactured home older than 10 years. Criteria for approval include the Morrow County Zoning Ordinance (MCZO) Article 7 Variances. GIS Planning Technician Stephen Wrecsics presented the staff report and described the request.

Opened the testimony portion of the Public Hearing.

In favor: Jose Calvillo. Mr. Calvillo presented Planning Commission members with photographs of the home recently selected as the replacement dwelling. The home appears to meet manufactured home standards and the design and appearance similar to homes in the area.

Neutral: None

Opposed: None

Closed the public testimony portion of the hearing.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve HV-N-037-19. Commissioner Sweek seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Audience Participation:

Mary Anne Monkers presented Planning Commission members with questions regarding the possibility of subdivisions around the Town of Lexington. Mrs. Monkers owns land outside of Lexington and is interested in rezoning her property to facilitate development of small acreage lots for development.

Other Business:

Planning Director Carla McLane provided her Planning Update. The update covered the status of the following projects: Proposed renaming of Laurel Road via a Morrow County Board of Commissioners public meeting on October 16, 2019 to hear the proposal; Code Enforcement Task Force August 27 meeting review; status of Green Energy Corridor rulemaking; review of the September 17, 2019 meeting with Naval Air Station Whidbey Island Commander and staff; Shepherds Flat wind energy facility update; NextERA/Wheatridge wind energy facility update; new planning department vehicle; and Army Corps of Engineers Environmental Assessment update and Threemile Canyon Farms lease agreement.

Commissioners and staff held a short discussion regarding future updates to the Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan. Conversation topics included identifying priorities, next steps, and developing an Action Plan.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

The next meeting of the Morrow County Planning Commission to hear regular business is scheduled for Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Port of Morrow Riverfront Center Boardman, Oregon.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephen Wrecsics