

Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
Friday February 10, 2017
5:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

Commissioners present: Chair Greenwald, Vice Chair Kveum, Commissioners Meserve, Miller, Morrison, McConnell. Quorum present.

Commissioners absent: Commissioner Erickson

Others present: Chris Ruschmann, City Planner, City Administrator,

A) Call to order:

1. Chair Greenwald called meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

B) Approval of minutes:

1. M/S N. Morrison/K. Meserve to approve minutes from November 30, 2016. None opposed. Voice vote: 5 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

C) Old Business:

1. Sign Ordinance: SEARHC signs were discussed; decided that a letter should be drafted by City Planner to ask them to come in to review a possible variance for their 2 lighted signs. First need to change language in code for self illuminated signs to say "prohibited unless permitted." S. McConnell noted that Hoonah is unique and has qualities that appeal to outside populations, so we need to keep that in mind when enforcing our sign ordinances. Icy Strait Lodge Trolley was discussed as a moving advertisement (if still operational) and Keith Skaflestad's food cart used at the brewery for Thai food was also mentioned as a permanent advertisement for business. B. Miller suggested adopting a seasonal sign permit, with an annual fee, for tourism time frame. S. McConnell suggested the Commission permit all sign owners a flat rate, and then the City could address sign size, location, etc. at time of permitting; suggested delineation of right of ways to help Planner enforce permits. Chair Greenwald suggested the Commission address permanent signs, and enact a "temporary business" chapter in our code to address temporary signs.

D) New Business:

1. Dalton Creek Subdivision concept plats: Lot size was discussed – too small for driveways? Chair Greenwald suggested small lots for affordability, keep a few larger lots available, and subdivide the rest in the future as needed. Commission suggested getting a topographic map from engineers to further assess layout and slope of land including drainages and wetlands. Discussion about sewer layout with pumping, and reversing direction of cul de sacs. D. Gray discussed East end access road, in cooperation with Grant Coutlee. He also discussed adding commercial lots off the

highway 200 feet in front of Fanning's lots and Whitestone pit. Discussion about active rock pit, and new appraisal of all new lots.

2. Land lease agreement - Chris from SCS: Tabled until next month when more information is gathered about FAA/FCC restrictions. Chris suggested looking into Atlas or American Tower for more information.
3. Waterfront Development Plan: tabled until Mayor is present to discuss.
4. Annual Report: no comments by Commission.

E) Commission comments: S. McConnell and Chris discussed cell tower restrictions and regulations; discussed possibility of Pitt Island and Long Island locations. S. McConnell asked if there was an ordinance pertaining to erecting cell towers in City code; Commission determined no there is not, and we should look at adding language. Chair Greenwald suggested we be proactive about the quantity of towers and specify for multi-use towers as well. Suggested cell tower code be in the next meeting agenda.

F) Adjournment:

1. Meeting was adjourned by Chair Greenwald at 6:40 p.m.