

CITY OF THE DALLES PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Thursday, November 19, 2015

City Hall Council Chambers

313 Court Street

The Dalles, OR 97058

Conducted in a handicap accessible room

6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Lavier called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bruce Lavier, Dennis Whitehouse, Sherry DuFault, Chris Zukin, Mark Poppoff

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:

John Nelson, Jeff Stiles

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Director Richard Gassman, City Attorney Gene Parker, Planning Secretary Baltazar Gamez

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

It was moved by Whitehouse and seconded by Dufault to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion carried unanimously; Nelson and Stiles absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

It was moved by Whitehouse and seconded by Zukin to approve the September 3, 2015 minutes as submitted. The motion carried unanimously; Nelson and Stiles absent.

DISCUSSION 2015:

Director Gassman presented RV Parks discussion with two general concepts; Permanent and Temporary. Director Gassman stated that the city could control where the parks could be and how big, but cannot control or change state requirements.

Chair Lavier asked Gassman if he had identified any parcels with adequate size for an RV Park.

Poppoff indicated the Port District is selling 2 parcels which could work for an RV Park.

Poppoff and Lavier discussed the zoning map and looked at possible locations. Poppoff stated he would rather not have RV parks in Residential zones.

Jim Wilcox, 415 West Seventh Street, The Dalles, Oregon stated that city needs to think about longer-term stays as well to accommodate people that come to work on a project for an extended period of

time. Wilcox believes the East Side of town would not work for a park but the West Side would because services are already set up and there is land available.

Linda Heath, is looking at property to convert into RV Park but that property would be below the 1 acre minimum under current code.

Zukin mentioned that we need to look at bigger picture and not just at individual parcels.

Lavier mentioned that he believes everyone on the commission is interested in having RV Parks available in The Dalles.

Timothy McGlothlin, 328 West 21st Place, The Dalles, Oregon stated that Wasco County had also been looking at possible RV Park sites and would like to see the process not become too restrictive to discourage out of state developers.

Jim Wilcox would like to see this topic moved on quickly.

Whitehouse asked if the county had anything written that The Dalles could mimic or copy.

Gassman will provide some framework for discussion at the December 3rd meeting.

Lavier ended the discussion at 6:59 PM.

STAFF COMMENTS

Director Gassman updated commission on the Google project.

Parker discussed current status of marijuana dispensaries and possible upcoming events.

NEXT MEETING:

Gassman reported that the scheduled meeting is Thursday, December 3, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Lavier adjourned the meeting at 7:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Planning Secretary Baltazar Gamez.



Bruce Lavier, Chairman