

# MINUTES SEASIDE PLANNING COMMISSION

## July 19, 2016

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chair Carpenter called the regular meeting of the Seaside Planning Commission to order at 7:00 p.m.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**ATTENDANCE:** Commissioners present: Steve Wright, Chris Hoth, Bill Carpenter, Robert Perkel, and Dick Ridout, Staff Present: Debbie Kenyon, Administrative Assistant, Kevin Cupples, Planning Director

Absent: Tom Horning & Ray Romine

**OPENING REMARKS & CONFLICT OF INTEREST/EX PARTE CONTACT:** Vice Chair Carpenter asked if there was anyone present who felt the Commission lacked the authority to hear any of the items on the agenda. There was no response. Vice Chair Carpenter then asked if any of the Commissioners wished to declare a conflict of interest or ex parte contact. There was no response.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

### AGENDA:

### PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENTS:

The following public hearing statements were read by Vice Chair Carpenter:

1. The applicable substantive criteria for the hearing items are listed in the staff report(s) prepared for this hearing.
2. Testimony and evidence shall be directed toward the substantive criteria listed in the staff report(s) or other criteria in the plan or land use regulation, which you believe applies to the decision.
3. Failure to raise an issue accompanied by statements or evidence sufficient to afford the decision maker and the parties an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals on that issue.
4. The applicant will testify first, then any opposition will testify, and then the applicant will be given time for rebuttal.

### PUBLIC HEARING:

#### **A.) Continuance: 16-017V: 341 S Prom**

Mr. Cupples stated that at the last planning commission meeting the public hearing was closed. The planning commission made a verbal decision to approve the request subject to the preparation of supporting documents that would provide the notice of decision. What you have before you is just the Notice of Decision and there was no proposal to have any public testimony tonight.

Mr. Cupples stated what he did was simply edit out the information that was no longer applicable to the original request and edited the findings that were necessary. He included a couple of statements that were made by the planning commission at the last meeting as far as what you have looked at as being exceptional circumstances applicable to the proposal and the recognition that the original proposal has been significantly modified from its original request.

Vice Chair Carpenter asked if any of the commissioners had any additional comments. Commissioner Ridout stated that from what he can see it follows their discussions.

Commissioner Hoth stated that it has the three items that were discussed and it looks good.

Commissioner Wright stated it represents what the commission had decided.

Commissioner Perkel agreed and had no objections.

At the end of the Commissioners discussion, Vice Chair Carpenter stated he would entertain a motion for approval. Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the variance under the guidelines that staff has presented. Commissioner Perkel seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE ADMINISTRATION:** Mr. Cupples stated that the city is in the process of interviewing R.A.R.E participants again this year. We have been successful with 4 prior applications. We missed out last year. If we do fill that position, one of the things that they will be working on is Tsunami and Earthquake Outreach Education, and updating of the Parks Master Plan. Mr. Winstanley would like them also to create some sort of resiliency action plan on behalf of the city. Commissioner Wright asked what R.A.R.E stood for. Mr. Cupples stated that it is Resources Assistance for Rural Environments it's not

really an intern program, it's an Americorp program. Americorp helps fund it. It's not free, the city still pays for it but it provides some sort of grad student. It's usually someone who has finished their education and then they can come into a rural area and do specific projects and they are not being taken off that project to go look at other things. Vice Chair Carpenter asked if this person will be working solely with the Planning Department. Mr. Cupples stated that no they will be working for the city. He acts as their direct supervisor, but they will work with other departments

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None**

**COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION/STAFF:** Commissioner Ridout stated he had something to say and didn't know how appropriate it is but he asked if there was someone from the Daily Astorian was here tonight. R.J. Marx stated he was in the audience. Commissioner Ridout stated that the article that was in the paper regarding the Pearl was very poorly done. The reason he is saying that is even though it may have been technically correct. Mr. Marx quoted people and then did not show due diligence regarding the things that they said which had been discussed in numerous meetings. What had happened is really complicated and confusing. Mr. Marx asked if Mr. Antione Simmons was here tonight. Mr. Cupples stated no he is not. Mr. Marx stated that he tried to get a hold of Antione and he did not return his phone calls. Commissioner Ridout stated that what ended up on the front page would lead people to believe what was in quotes and they weren't necessarily true. Mr. Marx stated what is specifically not true. Commissioner Ridout stated there were things regarding setbacks and parking and statements that people made were not the reality of the situation. Mr. Marx asked Mr. Cupples if he misquoted him. Mr. Cupples stated that he didn't read the article so he could not tell him. Commissioner Ridout stated that it inferred that the commissioners were not following the law and that they were giving a variance for lower parking than we should. Mr. Marx stated that he doesn't infer he wrote the numbers. Vice Chair Carpenter stated that Mr. Marx quoted statements that were made in error. One of the statements in particular is the setback from the Prom, the setback isn't from the Prom it's from 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Marx stated that they had the opportunity to contact him after it ran in the paper and they have the opportunity now to correct the error. He will be glad to put it in tomorrow's article. Vice Chair Carpenter stated the setback should be accurate and you can speak with Mr. Cupples to get that number. The setback from 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue is 10 feet not 10 feet from the Prom. Commissioner Ridout didn't want to analyze everything he just wanted to point out there were errors. What had happened is people have sent the commissioner's letters and they got early information from someone else and these people used that information to send objections letters to the planning commission and they accepted all these letters. Mr. Marx asked if Commissioner Ridout is saying that Susan Calef and Mr. Nudelman are wrong? Vice Chair Carpenter stated that they are in error. Mr. Nudelman stated that he thought the setback along his property line was 5 feet and now tonight its 3 feet from his property line. Someone in the audience read the article from his phone and it does say 8 feet from the Prom. Vice Chair Carpenter stated that it would be 40 + feet from the Prom. The person in the audience stated that it says something about greatly reducing the number off street parking spaces required for building a 50 planned rental units. Commissioner Ridout stated that the difference and confusion is when it comes when you start comparing 2 and 3 bedroom condominiums and the amount of parking that they require versus a hotel that has no bedrooms and is basically a studio. Mr. Marx stated that it was the commissioners job to respond to the public not for him to respond to the public. The person in the audience stated that Mr. Marx is just quoting what the owner had said. Commissioner Ridout stated he knows he is and he said that, what he wrote maybe technically true. Mr. Marx stated that Commissioner Ridout said he was wrong and he's not, he's a professional journalist and he has a reputation to maintain. Mr. Marx stated that he talked with Kevin and he called Antione Simmons, he talked with Susan Calef. They came to him for the story he didn't seek it out. It was example of something they were concerned about and he wrote about it.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourned at 7:20 pm.

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Ray Romine, Chairperson

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Debbie Kenyon, Admin. Assistant