

MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY OF AMITY, OR

Minutes

A Regular Meeting of the City of Amity Planning Commission was held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 109 Maddox, Amity, Oregon.

Members Present:

Steve Ruyle (Commissioner), David Antinucci (Commissioner), Rob Kistler (Commissioner), Ryan Jones (Commissioner) and Eli Friesen (Chairman)

Members Absent:

Staff Present:

Natasha Johnson (Recorder/Treasurer), Michael Thomas (City Administrator), Holly Byram (City Planner MWVCOG) and Amber Lopez (Temp City Clerk)

Guests Present:

Denise Parker and Charles Parker

Call to Order:

Chair Eli Friesen called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Approval of Minutes from July 9, 2019

Chair Eli Friesen asked if the Commission wanted to entertain a motion to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2019 Planning Commission meeting. Commissioner Rob Kistler moved to approve the minutes; Commissioner Steve Ruyle seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Comments from Citizens

Chair Eli Friesen asked for comments from citizens. There was none.

Public Hearings:

None

Old Business

Chair Eli Friesen asked for any old business. There was none.

Work Session:

A. Review potential amendments to the City of Amity Development Code:

Planner Holly Byram went over process of changing Amity Development Code. She went over basic ideas on the Development code list that might be best to go over first.

Commissioner Kistler submitted his recommendations on changing Amity Development Code and went over them. Commissioner Antinucci asked who put the code together in 79'? Planner Byram explained. Commissioner Antinucci concerned more difficult now to change the Development Code. He recommends doing more of a flexible development code. Planner Byram explained why not do flexible development code.

Planner Byram went over City's previous Planner Jim Jack's recommendations regarding Amity Development Code. She handed out a list of his recommendations and suggested to Commissioners to pick what they believe are the most important codes to address. She went over one's that she is currently seeing issues with that are coming up.

One of the code's she feels need addressed is regarding ADU's. Currently code doesn't allow them. She is getting numerous calls and emails regarding ADU's from citizens. She went into more detail on ADU's and went over different ideas Amity can do to change the code.

Commissioner Kistler asked Citizen's Parkers what their plan is regarding if ADU's are allowed in the City. They explained they were wanting to be allowed to have an ADU on their property so their daughter and her fiancé can move in but have their own space.

City Administrator Thomas brought up issues and concerns regarding ADU's that he has seen in other cities. He went over some suggestions if changing the ADU code. Planner Byram went over other cities ADU codes. Commissioner Ruyle worries about property values with neighbors. There was discussion between Commissioner's regarding ADU's. They went over the pro's and con's of changing the code. They all gave their input on changing the code. Commissioner Jones concerned if the cities infrastructure can handle them if allowed. Commissioner Ruyle feels need more time to decide and to get community input.

Commissioner Kistler discussed options with getting community input and maybe can use a grant to help. Commissioner Ruyle asked Planner Byram how long it will take to change ADU Code. Planner Byram said six months and same process to change other codes. City Administrator Thomas said could do all or a couple items, but all will take the same time and process. Commissioner Kistler said if do couple codes only would take less. He went over what he preferred. Commissioner Kistler stated that development is difficult in Amity. Amity is losing money with our development code as it stands. Commissioner Kistler recommended that we should have a professional help write Amity's personal codes to just fit Amity. Planner Byram stated that the Non-conforming code has some confusion in the code. Commissioner Ruyle stated that he personally had problems developing in Amity.

Planner Byram suggested that she could make some quick changes and bring it back to Planning Commission next month.

Next Meeting Date:

Chair Eli Friesen set the next meeting to September 10, 2019 at 6:30 pm, and the Commission all agreed to the meeting.

Adjournment:

Chair Eli Friesen asked the Commission if they would like to entertain a motion to adjourn the Planning Commission meeting. Commissioner Ryan Jones made a motion to adjourn the Planning Commission Meeting; Commissioner Steve Ruyle seconded. The motion passed 5-0. With no further business before the Planning Commission, Chair Eli Friesen adjourned the Planning Commission meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

N. Johnson, City Recorder

Attested

Eli Friesen, Chair