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PLANNING COMMISSION

AGENDA

Monday, November 16, 2015

CITY HALL

829 5TH STREET

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

August 25, 2015

PUBLIC HEARING:

REGULAR BUSINESS:

- A. **Discussion of Beekeeping**
- B. **Discussion, Zoning for Recreational Marijuana**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. From Public
- B. Written
- C. From Planning Commission
- D. Staff Reports

ADJOURN:



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**CITY OF CLARKSTON
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
August 25, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 P.M., Clarkston City Hall, Chair Murray
ROLL CALL: Bob Gilbertson, Jim Merrill, John Murray, Margo McCroskey, Jim Braddock
Staff: Jim Martin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the Aug. 17, 2015 meeting were approved on a motion by GILBERTSON/MCCROSKEY. Motion carried.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

A. Review and Approval of Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendation for Zone Change Application No. 2015-05

Chairman Murray stated that he had looked over the findings and found them to be appropriate. J. Braddock questioned whether there was an address for the property. Martin explained that there was not but the address would be established later in the process when the actual building locations are determined. It was decided to include the property description in the first paragraph of the Findings of Fact where it described the location. With the addition of the property description in the Findings of Fact the finding, conclusion & recommendation #2015-05 was approved unanimously on a motion by MURRAY / BRADDOCK.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. From Public:

Don Brigham the Program Coordinator for the New Shoreline Master Program was present to do an informative update on the progress on the Shorelines Master Program that the City has partnered on along with Asotin County, Garfield County, Columbia County and the City of Starbuck. The City uses the current plan of Asotin County that is over 20 years old but in some cases not as old as the other jurisdictions. The City of Clarkston is unique in that the entire shoreline within the city limits is under the control of the Army Corps of Engineers. Given that the program covers 200-foot landward of the high water mark, there may be some areas that are applicable. About 2 1/2 years ago it was determined that given the similarities of all the agencies in the coalition, it made better sense to combine the efforts and create a document that would be workable for all. The program is a state mandate and in this case fairly generous funding has been provided to cover the expense of the project. To summarize, the program is very similar to jurisdictional zoning in that it provides guidelines and requirements for land uses along the shoreline and creates an additional review process by not only the jurisdiction but also Ecology. The idea of the program is to maintain current conditions along the shorelines and improving shoreline conditions whenever possible while still having a workable plan for the public, developers, and the government. In the not so distant future it will be necessary for each jurisdiction to review, comment, and adopt the plan following the proper public meetings and an official hearing.

B. Written - N/A

C. From Planning Commission - N/A

D. Staff Reports - N/A

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

John Murray, Chair

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Memo

To: Planning Commission
From: James E. Martin, PWD
CC:
Date: Nov. 12, 2015
Re: Nov. 16th Meeting

The City has been approached by a group wanting to teach bee keeping at the Community Garden located just north of Walla Walla Community College. Upon review, it was discovered that bee keeping in the City has been considered a nuisance since the early 1940's. Looking at the bigger picture, and discussing with City Council, it was determined that the issue should go before the commission for review and recommendation. To date, I've found a number of jurisdictions that allow the keeping of bees as long as a laundry list of criteria is met. Some of that laundry list includes but is not limited to, setbacks, property size, location, fencing, warning signs, consent of neighbors, water source, re-queening of swarm, certification of keepers, registration with Dept. of Agriculture, etc.

Professionals will be available for the meeting.

Marijuana zoning, both recreational and medical needs to be discussed. There is a perception that our zoning matrix does not exist any longer since the Council banned marijuana and repealed the zoning matrix that included the marijuana language. We are now faced with repeating what has already been accomplished but taking advantage of the situation and including language for medical marijuana. We would need to address it anyway.

Please prepare for another process to ensure we have a matrix in place.

Jim