

TOLEDO PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Toledo Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Geoffrey Wilkie. Commissioners present: Anne Learned-Ellis, Todd Michels, and Robert Duprau. Excused were Cora Warfield and Penny Ryerson.

Staff present: City Manager (CM) Craig Martin, City Attorney (CA) David Robinson, City Recorder Lisa Figueroa, and Secretary Arlene Inukai.

VISITORS: Chad Van Amburg, Mikel Johnson, and Stu Strom

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 13, 2019, MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded (Learned-Ellis/Duprau) to approve the March 13, 2019, minutes as circulated and reviewed by the Planning Commission. The **motion passed** unanimously, noting the absence of Warfield and Ryerson.

DECISION ITEM: EXTENSION TO THE DEADLINE DATE FOR A MINOR PARTITION AND VARIANCE APPROVAL (FILE #MP-1-18/VAR-1-18), REQUESTED BY CHAD VAN AMBURG:

CM Martin reported the request is to consider extending the deadline date for an approved land use action. It is not a hearing, as the public hearing was originally held and approved in April, 2018. The original request was for a minor partition and variance to the lot size to develop property at SE Fir Street. Mr. Van Amburg's request for an extension was submitted on March 21, 2019, before the deadline date. Staff submitted a memorandum, included in the packet, reviewing the Planning Commission's authority for the request and relevant code sections to grant an extension.

Chad Van Amburg reported on the delays to begin the work. He was living in Albany and has a contractor from Albany, so it was difficult to coordinate the work from there. He now lives in Toledo and will be able to begin the work soon.

CM Martin reminded Commissioners that the applicant's plan is to develop the second lot to build a new home behind the existing home. The public hearing seemed controversial because of the interpretation for "dwelling" and neighborhood testimony regarding parking in the area. Commissioner Learned-Ellis recalled some of the neighborhood issues were not relevant to the applicant's request, but outside of his control for the requests.

It was moved and seconded (Learned-Ellis/Duprau) that an extension for MP-1-18/VAR-1-18 be granted for one year. The **motion passed** unanimously, noting the absence of Warfield and Ryerson.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: UPDATES AND REPORTS:

Arbor Day/Tree City USA Activities:

Commissioner Learned-Ellis announced there will be a tree dedication to celebrate Arbor Day on April 26th at the small park at NW 5th Street/Hwy 20. Parking is available at Muggly's Bowling.

There is a large, healthy Douglas fir tree at this park, which can be dedicated as the community tree. The Mayor will also participate in the dedication ceremony. The event will be held at either 10 or 11 am, depending on the Mayor's schedule. CM Martin reported the Oregon Forest Industry Council (OFIC) plans to distribute 300 tree seedlings that Weyerhaeuser donated.

CM Martin reported the April 17th City Council meeting will recognize volunteers and Planning Commissioners are welcome to attend. The meeting will also be the Tree City USA presentation and Arbor Day proclamation. Tree seedlings will be available at this Council meeting, so everyone in attendance can leave with a tree. Representatives from Oregon Department of Forestry and OFIC will be at the meeting.

Commissioner Learned-Ellis expressed a desire to hold a bigger Arbor Day event next year, possibly working with the school to plant a tree at Yaquina View Park. CM Martin added that a future event can include tree distribution to youth groups and celebrate the importance of Spruce trees in the area. This year's event raises awareness of the Tree City USA and Arbor Day programs. Commissioners discussed ways to get kids involved and advertising the event.

STAFF COMMENTS:

CM Martin reminded Commissioners to file the Statement of Economic Interest report with the Oregon Government Ethics Commission (OGE) by April 15, 2019. If anyone needs help, contact staff or OGE for assistance.

The next Lincoln County Housing Strategy Implementation Plan meeting will be May 16, 2019, from 4-6 pm in Lincoln City. CM Martin reviewed highlights from the technical assistance committee meeting held yesterday. The consultants conducted several stakeholder interviews, with a couple more to finish. Summaries of the interviews were provided to the committee. The next step will provide recommendations for jurisdictions to consider. However, not all of the recommendations will be applicable to each community. One priority item discussed included re-establishing the housing rehab loan program County-wide. This program provides loans for home improvement projects. CM Martin reviewed the program and possible ways to administer the loans.

Visitor Mikel Johnson encouraged the City to participate in the program again, as he was a recipient of a loan 25 years ago. He was able to participate in the loan program in order to make needed repairs to his home and voiced the benefits of the program. He also suggested that new rehab projects be allowed to provide solar panels or similar energy improvements.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

President Wilkie reported the Midcoast Water Planning Partnership will meet April 23rd at 4 pm in Gleneden Beach.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Secretary

President