

BOARDMAN PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES- REGULAR MEETING-SEPTEMBER 21, 2011

Commission Chair Glaya Baker called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and she led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners Present: Glaya Baker, Kellye Finch, David Gray, and Bill Hancock

Absent: Cullen Martin and Frankie Lezama

Staff: Barry Beyeler-Community Development Director, and Jackie McCauley-Recorder

Audience: Leeann Rea-Lower Umatilla Basin Ground Water Management Area Chairperson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Finch motioned to approve the minutes of August 24, 2011 as presented. Commissioner Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Lower Umatilla Basin Ground Water Management Area (LUBGWMA)

Leann Rea, Chairperson of the LUBGWMA asked if any of the Commissioners would be interested in serving on a sub-committee for LUBGWMA. The sub-committee will be responsible for coming up with ideas to reach owners of property, with 40 acres or less, to educate them on groundwater rules. Community Development Director Beyeler said it pertains to the City in that there are such properties within the City's Urban Growth Boundary. Interested parties can contact Mr. Beyeler and he will pass their names along to Ms. Rea for consideration. Ms. Rea said the Morrow County Planning Commission also has vacancies.

OLD BUSINESS

PAPA 02-2011 – Additional Language Changes

Community Development Director Beyeler said he will be noticing PAPA 02-2011 next week for the language changes the Planning Commission worked on for the Sunridge Terrace Overlay District. The City is allowed two Post Acknowledgement Plan Amendments (PAPA) a year; this will be the City's second PAPA this year.

Mr. Beyeler plans to include additional language changes to Chapter 2.1 of the Development Code to address a request by Art Kegler, agent for the property owner of tax lots 4N259 tax lots 100 and 500. The property owner would like to market the property for development as either Multi-family or an RV park. The language changes would create an Overlay District on those parcels to allow an RV Park as a conditional use.

The other language change is to Chapter 3.6.500 of the Development Code. The language addresses maintenance of signs, which is currently not in the Code.

The Planning Commission is comfortable with these additions to PAPA 02-2011.

NEW BUSINESS

Partition Request – PAR 03-2011 – 4N2516 Tax Lot 407

Community Development Director Beyeler said the City received Partition request on tax lot 4N2515 tax lot 407. Although this is a Type II Administrative Decision, Mr. Beyeler would like the Planning Commission to be aware of the request.

The property owners would like to partition this property into two parcels, one parcel being 148.54 acres in size and the other parcel 6.71 acres in size. The previous owner of the property was to have completed this partition before he sold the property, retaining the smaller of the two parcels. Because this was not done,

and now the owners wish to sell the property, the requested partition is necessary to define the legal descriptions on these two parcels.

The partition request has already been noticed and Mr. Beyeler plans a decision on September 30, 2011.

Bee Hives on East Wilson Lane

There was a brief discussion about the bee hives in a field along East Wilson Lane. The property owners have leased the field to grow buckwheat, which requires bees for pollination. The City Police Department has been in contact with the bee keepers regarding a conflict with the location of the bee hives. There have been complaints of children being stung along the walking path on East Wilson Lane. The bee hives will be moved soon as the buckwheat is done blooming.

Letter of Resignation from the Planning Commission

The City received a letter of resignation from Commissioner Kellye Finch. Tonight will be her last meeting as she has moved to Hermiston. Community Development Director Beyeler thanked Ms. Finch for serving and said she brought an intriguing perspective to the Commission. Ms. Finch said moving to Hermiston was a big decision and she will miss serving on the Commission.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:41pm