



PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8TH, 2023
HELD VIA ZOOM & IN PERSON AT CITY HALL

Planning Commission Members Present: Joe Mann, Dale Robbins, DG Garcia (via Zoom), Tim Olsen, Jim Baumker, Paul Brown & Kimball Bighorse (via Zoom)

Adjunct Member(s) Present: Jim Baumker

Absent: Richard Siler

Staff Present: Lisa Key, Amy Mullerleile, & Kathy Cummings

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. Commissioner Mann chaired the meeting in Commissioner Siler's absence and requested we stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: A quorum of members was present.

Absences:

Commissioner Brown moved to excuse Commissioner Siler's absence, seconded by Commissioner Olsen. This motion carried unanimously.

Review of Agenda & Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Mann moved that the February 8th, 2023, minutes be approved, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The motion carried unanimously.

Workshop:

Security Fencing for Essential Public Facilities:

Jeremy Jenkins with Liberty Lake Sewer & Water District presented amendment to the current development code to allow for Barbed Wire Top Security Fencing around public essential facilities for security purposes. There are approximately 37 sites within the area. Current code does not allow barbed wire within the city. Liberty Lake Sewer & Water District will be applying for an exception/exemption.

Kimball Bighorse joined the meeting via Zoom at sometime during the workshop.

Public Hearing:

RV & Ministorage as a Limited Use in C-2 (Freeway Commercial) Zone

Director Lisa Key presented the staff report for the proposed code amendment to the City's development regulations and the Limited Use Standards to allow for RV & Ministorage facilities.

Commissioner Mann opened the public hearing for public comments.

Public Comment:

No public comments were received. Del Stratton, with Clearwater Summit Group, was present but had no comments to add.

Criteria for Approval:

RV & Ministorage Facilities as a Limited Use within C-2 (Freeway Commercial) Zone:

Criteria for Approval:

- The proposed amendment **is** consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and **is not** detrimental to the public welfare.
- The proposed amendment **is not** warranted by a change in economic, technological and/or land use conditions.
- The proposed amendment **is not** necessary to correct an error.
- The proposed amendment **is not** necessary to clarify meaning or intent.
- The proposed amendment **is** necessary to provide for a proposed use that was not previously addressed.
- The proposed amendment **is** deemed necessary as being in the public interest.

Recommendation:

- In the matter of an amendment to the City of Liberty Lake Development Code to allow Recreational Vehicle and Ministorage as a limited use in the C-2 (Freeway Commercial) zone, the City of Liberty Lake Planning Commission does hereby recommend to City Council that the amendment be **approved**.

Commissioner Baumker moved to approve as written and Commissioner Olsen seconded the motion. Commissioner Robbins motioned to approve and Commissioner Olsen seconded the approval. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously with all Commissioners in favor.

Building Height Definition:

Senior Planner, Amy Mullerleile, gave presentation on the proposed building height definition to provide clarification within all the City's zoning districts. The word "highest" has been included within the definition from what had been previously discussed during the workshops with the Planning Commission. She explained that this addition will add clarity to the point of measurement from grade.

Commissioner Baumker motioned to amend the definition to include the word "Highest" and was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robbins made motion to open discussion of this proposed definition, seconded by Commissioner Olsen. Motion carried unanimously.

Criteria for Approval:

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Recommendation:

- In the matter of an amendment to City of Liberty Lake Development Code adopting a revised definition “building height” and incorporating it throughout zoning district regulations, the City of Liberty Lake Planning Commission does hereby recommend to City Council that the amendment be **approved**.

Commissioner Brown moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Baumker. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Secretary’s Report:

Director Key announced that there is one applicant for the Planning Commissions Adjunct member position that will be going for interview with the Mayor.

City Council reconsidered the ordinance for parking amendments within River District because they had intended to adopt Planning Commission recommendation.

Greenstone will be submitting for an amendment to add an Open Space zone within the River District SAP.

Washington state legislation is coming down and will affect Comprehensive Plan Development Codes.

Planning Commissioner Reports:

No reports were given.

Citizens Comments:

No citizen comments were provided.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Robbins motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Garcia at 4:56 p.m.