

CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
April 9, 2013 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Keith Watson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the introduction of the role and duties of the Planning Commission.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Keith Watson, Pam McCain, Sheri Roth, Jim Kuzaro, Greg Thesenvitz and Pam Thurmond
Absent: None
Staff: Community Development Director Steve Pilcher and Senior Planner Stacey Welsh

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Thurmond, seconded by Commissioner McCain, to accept the minutes of the March 12, 2013 meeting as written. Passed 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARING ON MISCELLANEOUS CODE AMENDMENTS

Mr. Pilcher described the methods of notice used to advertise the public hearing. Mr. Pilcher provided an explanation of the vesting provisions code amendments. The Commission asked about extensions of time allowed in other jurisdictions. Mr. Pilcher explained research results; the trend has been to return to the way things were before the economic downturn.

Mr. Pilcher provided explanations of the Residential Cluster District and sign regulations code amendments. The Commission asked whether the amendments address a change to the height of these signs. Mr. Pilcher responded that was not part of the amendment. Mr. Pilcher finished with an explanation of the SEPA appeal process code amendments.

Chair Watson called for public testimony; there was none. The Chair presented action options for the Commission and closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Thurmond, seconded by Commissioner Roth, to recommend staff's changes to Residential Cluster District, municipal code 18.86, as written. Passed 5-1 (McCain).

Moved by Commissioner Thurmond, seconded by Commissioner McCain, to approve and send to Council the changes for the vesting periods on Chapter 18.14. Passed 6-0.

The Commission asked about continued use of sandwich boards and temporary signs. Mr. Pilcher stated that in their previous study session the Commission discussed that if these code changes went forward they would like to recommend to the City Council about increased enforcement of

the sign code regarding temporary signs. The Commission asked about ground signs, lighting and discussed modifications to the code amendment text.

Moved by Commissioner Thurmond, seconded by Commissioner McCain, to accept the Gateway Overlay District 18.76 and 18.82 as written with the change to paragraph 3 striking "provided that" and inserting "however". Passed 6-0.

The Commission clarified whether the proposed code change eliminates the administrative SEPA appeal and what other communities do. There was discussion of the Hearing Examiner bill on The Villages SEPA appeal for the first preliminary plat.

Moved by Commissioner Thurmond, seconded by Commissioner Roth, to approve the staff recommendation for the change of the SEPA appeal process, city code 19.04, to move that any appeal would go directly to Superior Court. Passed 5-1 (Thesenvitz).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mr. Pilcher stated that the Planning Commission vacancy application deadline has passed and the Mayor expects to start the interview process soon. He also announced his resignation as Community Development Director; he will be moving on to another position at the City of SeaTac. The Commission congratulated him and thanked him for his work.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

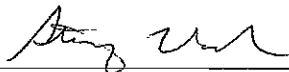
Harvey Senecal thanked Mr. Pilcher for his work.

The next meeting will be held on May 7, 2013.

ADJOURN

Moved by Commissioner McCain, seconded by Commissioner Thurmond, to adjourn. Passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.


Minutes prepared by: Stacey Welsh, Senior Planner



ATTEST:



Keith Watson, Chairman



Planning Commission Secretary