



City of Irrigon Planning Commission Minutes
March 3, 2009 at 7 PM
Irrigon City Hall
500 NE Main Avenue

1. Call to Order

Chair Amy Sandy called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Planning Commission members present were: David Wood and Tanna Dole. Commission Dale Beamer was absent.

Staff present: City Manager Gerald Breazeale and Utility Billing Clerk Penny Moore.

Citizens present: Gloria Wood and Mayor James Ray.

3. Approval of the February 2009 Meeting Minutes

David Wood moved to approve the February 2009 minutes. Tanna Dole seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Downtown Planning Project

City Manager Gerald Breazeale stated that there will be a Technical Advisory Committee meeting March 5, 2009. The consultants will present three draft proposals and the TAC will make their comments, then the consultants will take the comments back with them. A public meeting will be March 31, 2009. Manager Breazeale stated that there will be a separate meeting that is funded by the Oregon Main Street program on March 23, 2009.

5. Public Hearings

a) Wadkins Replat

City Manager Gerald Breazeale stated that he thought this replat was an improvement over the previous with sub standard laws. It is proposed to combine five (5) nonconforming city lots into two (2) conforming larger lots, 5 N 26 24 DD; tax lots 20,21,22,23 and 24.

Commissioner David Wood moved to approve the Wadkins Replat combining five (5) nonconforming city lots into three (3) conforming larger lots. Commissioner Tanna Dole seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

b) Conditional Use Permit, Irrigon Children's Park

Chair Amy Sandy declared ex parte contact and also stated that she would not gain any money from the children's park.

City Manager Gerald Breazeale stated that this conditional use permit for the children's park 5N 27 19CC; tax lot 3800 and 3900 had been advertised in the newspaper and a mailing to all residents within a radius of 250 feet was sent out.

Commissioner Tanna Dole moved to approve the conditional use permit for the Irrigon Children's Park. Commissioner David Wood seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Planning Commission Training Manual – Chapter 1, Introduction to Planning, pages 3 – 17

Amy Sandy tabled the Chapter 1, Introduction to Planning, pages 3 – 17 in the interest of time until the April 7, 2009 meeting and sized the reading of Chapter to pages 3-14.

8. Additional Discussion

Chair Amy Sandy discussed the possibility of the City of Irrigon having business licenses; Chair Sandy contacted Hermiston and Umatilla about business licenses. Umatilla requires business license if the business is based in Umatilla and Hermiston does not require business licenses.

Chair Sandy stated that she feels that possibly Irrigon should not try to require business licenses at this time with the bad economy. There was a discussion on the pro's and the cons of having business license.

Commissioner Tanna Dole commented on the Chamber of Commerce possibly having a welcome folder that the chamber staff could prepare for new businesses to Irrigon.

Commissioner David Wood asked what would need to be done if the commission decided to have business licensees. City Manager Gerald Breazeale stated that an ordinance would need to go to the city council. Chair Amy Sandy stated that more research would need to be done before writing up an ordinance. There was a consensus to go over the paper work that had already been done on researching business licenses for Irrigon at the next meeting in April.

Adjournment: With no further business Chair Amy Sandy announced that the meeting be adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting: City of Irrigon Planning Commission – March 3, 2009.
All meetings begin at 7 p.m.

Tanna Dole, Planning Commission Secretary