



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

1. Call to Order

Chair Amy Sandy called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

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

Citizens present: Kirk Meyer, Nancy Meyer, Bill & Janet Cooley and Gloria Wood.

3. Oath of Office and Welcome to Stacy Nordquist

City Manager Gerald Breazeale stated that the City Council approved Stacy Nordquist to the Planning Commission. Manager Breazeale issued the oath of office to Commissioner Stacy Nordquist and he took a seat at the table.

4. Approval of the March 3, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Tanna Dole moved to approve the March 3, 2009 minutes. David Wood seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5 Public Hearing

a) Meyer Replat

Chair Amy Sandy **opened the Public Hearing.** City Manager Gerald Breazeale read the staff report for the subdivision replat. Kirk Meyer was asking for the four (4) non-conforming lots at the intersection of North East Oregon Avenue and North East Third Street that is not large enough to permit a building on to be turned into one lot.

b) Variance Request – Relief from Setback Requirement – Kirk Meyer

City Manager Gerald Breazeale read the staff report for the variance request. At this time Kirk Meyer offered a power point presentation showing all the present documents to date.

The contractor the Meyers hired to build the garage with living space placed the footing where he thought it was set back from the street according to the drawing submitted. The bank had a foundation survey done and they found the building did not meet the setback requirement. The bank froze the construction loan.

At this time citizen Bill Cooley stated that he and the neighbors had no problem with the variance request, stating that this was no fault of theirs (the Meyers). The Meyers were in the right; the general contractor was at fault.

Chair Amy Sandy **closed the Public Hearing.**

6. Planning Commission Deliberation

a) Meyer Replat

Tanna Dole and David Wood asked how to avoid this in the future so this will not happen again. Survey first was the answer. Chair Amy Sandy suggested a letter be drafted to the contractor of where the right a way is and setback requirements.

David Wood moved to approve the Meyer replat. Stacy Nordquist seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

b) Variance Request – Relief from Setback Requirement – Kirk Meyer

Tanna Dole recommended granting the variance request of relief from setbacks for the Meyers. David Wood seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Downtown Planning Project

City Manager Gerald Breazeale reviewed the second Downtown meeting, stating that to make improvements to the Irrigon Downtown and Highway 730 Streetscape plan option were: 1. North Village; First Street and Columbia. 2. Highway 730. 3. South Village; taking out the mobile home park. After

the consultants had tabulated the questionnaires from the citizens the North Village; First Street and Columbia had the most support. The second choice was the Highway 730 option.

There were discussions on treatments for the highway; round a bouts and medians. The consensus was parking on both sides of the highway with bike lanes and sidewalks.

The TAC meeting on the Downtown Planning Project Monday has design decisions to make regarding the stimulus award to the city of \$930,000 to do First Street improvements and then Columbia Lane improvements.

David Wood asked if he needed to exude himself as a TAC member. City Manager Gerald Breazeale stated that he was sanctioned to recommend any choices and changes. David Wood recommended the choices and changes of the improvements to the downtown planning project.

Tanna Dole moved to approve the concept on the improvements to the downtown planning project. Stacy Nordquist seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Amy Sandy asked if there were a time line for this project and City Manager Gerald Breazeale stated late June or early July 2009.

Commissioner Tanna Dole discussed energy and transportation funding, available through applications within the state, for cities with a population of 3,500 or less. The deadline for the Department of Energy application is June 25, 2009.

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

Chair Amy Sandy read the important points of Chapter 1, focusing on statewide goals and the conservation of the history of Irrigon.

Reading for May 5, 2009 meeting will be Chapter 4, pages 36-45.

8. Additional Discussion

There were no additional discussions.

Adjournment: With no further business Chair Amy Sandy announced that the meeting be adjourned at 7:52 p.m. Tanna Dole moved to adjourn and David Wood seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Regular Meeting: City of Irrigon Planning Commission – May 5, 2009.
All meetings begin at 7 p.m.

Tanna Dole, Planning Commission Secretary