

CITY OF KALAMA PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

216 Elm Street, Kalama

DATE: February 9, 2017

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

OPENING: Call to Order

MINUTES: October 13, 2016

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Appointment of new Chairperson and Co-Chairperson
2. Critical Areas Update

STAFF REPORTS:

1. None

ADJOURNMENT

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Next Meeting will be on March 9, 2017

**CITY OF KALAMA
PLANNING COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 9, 2017**

OPENING

Chairperson HarbisonHarbison opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners present were Dan Ohall, Mike Reuter, Don Mathison, Jim Hendrickson, Kim Sullivan and Sue Dennis Langham. Staff present was: City Planner Mark Person of McKenzie Group and Secretary Susan Junnikkala and City Administrator Adam Smee. Members of the audience are listed on the sign-in sheet.

MINUTES

Commissioner Hendrickson made a motion to approve the minutes of October 13, 2016 presented. Commissioner Mathison seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

NEW BUSINESS –

Appointment of Commissioner Member

Chairperson Harbison announced that Kim Sullivan will be replacing Phil Fortuna while Mr. Fortuna and his wife can finish their retirement travels.

Select new Chairperson and Co-Chairperson

The Commission elected Patrick Harbison as the Planning Commission Chairperson and Sue Dennis Langham as the Co-Chairperson.

Critical Areas Update

Chairperson Harbison asked City Planner Person to give an outline for the review of the Critical Areas update. Planner Person informed the Commission that the Development of regulations to protect critical areas is mandated by the Washington (WA) State Growth Management Act (GMA) per Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 36.70A.060. Per RCW 36.70A.030:

“Critical areas’ include the following areas and ecosystems: (a) Wetlands; (b) areas with a critical recharging effect on aquifers used for potable water; (c) fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas; (d) frequently flooded areas; and (e) geologically hazardous areas. "Fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas" does not include such artificial features or constructs as irrigation delivery systems, irrigation infrastructure, irrigation

canals, or drainage ditches that lie within the boundaries of and are maintained by a port district or an irrigation district or company.”

The City of Kalama current protects these critical areas under Chapter 15.02 Kalama Municipal Code (KMC), also known as the Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO), which was last adopted in 2004. Periodic updates to the CAO are required by the GMA, and the City’s current CAO must be updated by June 30, 2017. The GMA also requires the use of “best available science (BAS)” as defined under WAC 365-195-905. A review of the BAS follows as it relates to the City’s current CAO.

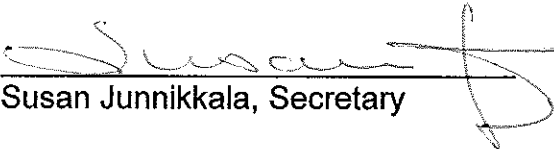
Some areas that were reviewed were wet lands, buffer zones, maps, wildlife pathway, flood zones hillside development and what the County is currently using.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

STAFF REPORTS – None

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Fortuna adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:30 p.m. These minutes are not verbatim. They are a general overview of what took place. An audio tape or video may be made available for listening upon request at City Hall during normal business hours.


Susan Junnikkala, Secretary