

CITY OF KALAMA PLANNING COMMISSION

DATE: February 9, 2012

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

OPENING: Call to Order

MINUTES:

1. January 12, 2012

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Establish Incentives for the Central Business District

STAFF REPORTS:

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ADJOURNMENT

UPCOMING MEETINGS
Next Meeting will be on March 8, 2012

**CITY OF KALAMA
PLANNING COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 9, 2012**

OPENING

Chairperson Kim Sullivan opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Commissioners present were Jim Hendrickson, Jeremy Somogye, Don Mathison, Kevin Wade and Mike Schreiber. Commissioner Phil Fortuna was out of town. Staff present was Secretary Susan Junnikkala and City Planner Matt Hermen. Members of the audience are listed on the sign-in sheet.

MINUTES

Chairperson Sullivan asked the Commission if they have reviewed the minutes of January 12, 2012. Commissioner Mathison made a *motion* to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Schreiber seconded the motion and the *motion passed* with all in favor.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Establish Incentives for the Central Business District.

Chairperson Sullivan asked Planner Hermen to give an outline of the information that was given to the Commission. Planner Hermen explained the information is on tax incentives for business. The other piece is on an Economic Development study on how incentives have helped and not helped.

Commissioner Hendrickson asked about the "Façade Improvement Grant" that Longview is presenting. Planner Hermen stated this grant is thru CDBC and if a business should apply for the grant then they have to come up with a match. At this time no business has applied for the grant.

Commissioner Mathison informed the Commission that the City of Kelso presented an incentive to Kelso business for repainting their business. The City of Kelso had all the paint and the only thing a business needed to do was come and get the paint and only one business took advantage of the opportunity.

The Commission asked Planner Hermen to bring back to the next meeting some more information so they can put together a survey for the local business. The information they would like to see:

1. What funds were used for the Kelso Theater Pub for their remodel
2. Vacancy inventory for here in Kalama
3. More information on the grant that the City of Longview is offering

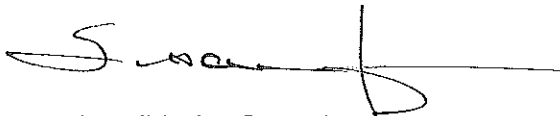
Jim Dickey stated that if the City has done a lot to improve the downtown core by redoing the streets, planting trees and new street lights.

STAFF REPORTS

No report.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Sullivan adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:45 p.m. These minutes are not verbatim. They are a general overview of what took place. An audio tape may be made available for listening upon request at City Hall during normal business hours. A video can also be obtained upon request at City Hall during normal business hours.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan Junnikkala', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Susan Junnikkala, Secretary