

City of Kalama Planning Commission Meeting

DATE: August 23, 2012

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

OPENING: Call to Order

MINUTES:

1. July 12, 2012

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Kalama Municipal Sign Code

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Establish Incentives for the Central Business District – On Hold

NEW BUSINESS:

STAFF REPORTS:

1. None

ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming meetings
September 13, 2012

**CITY OF KALAMA
PLANNING COMMISSION
AUGUST 23, 2012**

OPENING

Chairperson Kim Sullivan opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Commissioners present were Don Mathison, Kevin Wade, Mike Schreiber, Jim Hendrickson and Phil Fortuna. Commissioner Jeremy Somogye was absent due to work. 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 July 12, 2012. Commissioner Mathison made a *motion* to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Fortuna seconded the motion and the *motion passed*.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Kalama Municipal Sign Code

Chairperson Sullivan opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m. Chairperson Sullivan asked Planner Hermen to read his staff report for the record. Per Planner Hermen's staff report he recommends of approval to the Kalama City Council for the proposed central business sign code text amendment.

Chairperson Sullivan asked if the commission had any questions. Commissioner Mathison asked Planner Hermen if he would clarify for the record the changes. Planner Hermen stated that "Fence Signs" has been added to section 17.38.020 definition. In section 17.38.040 an appeal process has been referenced. Temporary/special purpose signs relating to short term events have been stricken. In section 17.38.110 Commercial district sign regulations, a section has been added to address fence/wall signs. Chairperson Sullivan asked if anyone from the audience had any comments for the record. There were no comments from the audience.

Chairperson Sullivan closed the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.

Commissioner Fortuna made a *motion* per staff's recommendations to forward the proposed sign code update recommendations to the Kalama City Council for approval. Commissioner Wade seconded the motion. The *motion passed with all in favor*.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Establish Incentives for the Central Business District – On Hold

NEW BUSINESS

1. Cleveland Renovation

City Councilperson Dominic Ciancibelli provided information to the Commission concerning an idea that has come from the old Slovenian neighborhood of Cleveland. Councilperson Ciancibelli informed the Commission that he used to live there back in the 60's and there was a lot of business but over time most of the businesses have become vacant. The local planners, in Cleveland, are hoping a bold business strategy will infuse new vigor into a ghostly shopping district. Their idea is to offer free rent to merchants and other enticements hoping to bring in businesses. Councilperson Ciancibelli stated that he will keep the Commission informed on how it works out.

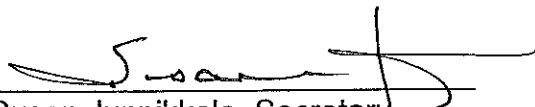
Chairperson Sullivan stated she likes the idea. Also Councilperson Ciancibelli stated that it would be good to make this a joint venture with the Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Mathison and Chairperson Sullivan stated that they will attend the next Chamber meeting and discuss this new idea with them.

Chairperson Sullivan thanked Councilperson Ciancibelli for coming to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Sullivan adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:00 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.


Susan Junnikkala, Secretary