



**KEIZER PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 14, 2015 @ 6:00 pm
Keizer Civic Center**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jim Jacks called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Jim Jacks, Chair
Michael DeBlasi, Vice Chair
Garry Whalen
Kyle Juran
Hersch Sangster
Jonathan Thompson

Council Liaison:

Brandon Smith

Absent:

Chuck Fisher

Staff Present:

Nate Brown, Community Development
Director
Sam Litke, Senior Planner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Sangster moved for approval of the September 2015 Minutes. Commissioner DeBlasi seconded. Motion passed as follows: DeBlasi, Juran, Thompson, Sangster and Whalen in favor with Jacks abstaining and Fisher absent.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS: Kathy Lincoln, Board member of the Salem-Keizer Transit District, provided an overview of the proposed expanded bus services which would take place if the ballot measure for a payroll tax is approved. She noted that hospitals are exempt from property tax (which currently funds the District) and they are heavy users of the transit services, the State of Oregon already pays .6% of their payroll into the system so they would be exempt and government and non-profit agencies would also be exempt. \$2.10 would be paid out of every \$1,000 of payroll. Commissioner DeBlasi noted that a third bridge would cost .6% per \$1,000 property tax but this payroll tax would be 1/3 of that, making it more economical. Commissioner Jacks added that transportation is a basis of economic activity and a good transit system helps develop the economic health of a region. Ms. Lincoln added that studies show that a good public transportation system attracts development and many young people want to live in town and not use a car to get around.

PUBLIC HEARING: Text Amendment Section 2.203 (Off-Street Parking) and Section 2.413 (Recreational Vehicle Storage – Single Family Homes)

Chair Jacks opened the Public Hearing.

Senior Planner Sam Litke explained that this was put on the Work Program as a specific revision dealing with bicycles but in reviewing the chapter, there appeared to be other sections that needed changes made. He then reviewed significant changes adding that Public Works supports them.

Discussion followed regarding the built-in flexibility of the parking requirements, bike parking, bike racks, inside or outside bike parking, storm drainage, trees in parking lots, joint (shared) parking credits, on-street parking for residential parking, ADA requirements, and the formula for determining the number of bike parking spaces required. Commissioners discussed at length the effect these changes would have on the parking currently being used at the Keizer Rotary Amphitheater and parking for large private events.

Hearing no further testimony, Chair Jacks closed the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Sangster moved that the Planning Commission accept the amendments to Sections 2.203 and 2.413 and recommend them to Council with the following changes:

- Page 2, Section 2.303.03F: add “Department” after ‘Keizer Public Works’
- Page 7, Section 2.303.08A: add “All fractions to be rounded up to the next whole number.”
- Page 10, Section 2.303.11A: delete everything following the sentence ending in ‘two years in duration’.

Commissioner Juran seconded. Motion passed as follows: Jacks, DeBlasi, Juran, Thompson, Sangster and Whalen in favor, and Fisher absent.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS ~ Election of Chair and Vice Chair: Commissioners chose to postpone this to the next meeting pending the filling of vacancies.

STAFF REPORT: Mr. Brown reported that every year the Oregon Chapter of American Planning Association awards a Distinguished Leadership - Lifetime Achievement Award and this year the recipient was Jim Jacks who works with the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments. Mr. Brown commended Commissioner Jacks noting that he is a valuable asset to the Keizer Planning Commission.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Councilor Smith reported that Community Build Task Force continues to meet in order to get the spongey surface for the Big Toy. They will be partnering with the Parks Board to apply for a Local Government Grant with the assistance of Jackie Franke, Wayne Rawlins and Nate Brown.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: November 4, 2015

Minutes approved: 11-04-15