



**KEIZER PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, September 16, 2015 @ 6:00 pm  
Keizer Civic Center**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Michael DeBlasi called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:**

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

**Council Liaison:**

Marlene Parsons for Brandon Smith

**Absent:**

Jim Jacks, Chair  
Chuck Fisher

**Staff Present:**

Nate Brown, Community Development  
Director  
Sam Litke, Senior Planner  
Shannon Johnson, City Attorney

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

**APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS:** None

**PUBLIC HEARING: Text Amendment Case No. 2015-3 ~** Section 2.203 (Permitted Uses generally) to prohibit the storage or display merchandise or other material on a sidewalk.

*Vice Chair DeBlasi opened the Public Hearing.*

Senior Planner Sam Litke provided background information on the case and pointed out the changed verbiage in the Code with Community Development Director Nate Brown providing additional information and clarification. Discussion followed regarding applicability to garage sales, sidewalk cafes and cyclists.

*Hearing no testimony, Vice Chair DeBlasi closed the Public Hearing.*

Commissioner Sangster moved that the Planning Commission accept the amendments to Section 2.203 and recommend them to Council. Commissioner Juran seconded. Motion passed as follows: Juran, Thompson, Sangster and Whalen in favor, DeBlasi opposed and Jacks and Fisher absent.

**PUBLIC HEARING: Text Amendment Case No. 2015-15** ~ Section 1.200 (Definitions) to specify “early sales” of marijuana is permitted at Medical Marijuana Facilities.

*Vice Chair DeBlasi opened the Public Hearing.*

City Attorney Shannon Johnson explained that with the legislature authorizing the sales of recreational marijuana in established medical marijuana facilities prior to the actual date of implementation, there is a need for revisions to the definition of Medical Marijuana Facility as found in Section 1.200 of the Development Code. He reviewed the verbiage that was added to the section. Commissioners discussed the effects of the sunset date, mixing medical and recreational marijuana facilities and standards, and state regulations.

*Hearing no testimony Vice Chair DeBlasi closed the Public Hearing.*

Commissioner Thompson moved to accept the amendments to the Medical Marijuana Facility portion of the Development Code. Commissioner Whalen seconded. Motion passed as follows: DeBlasi, Juran, Thompson, Sangster and Whalen in favor with Jacks and Fisher absent.

**NEW/OLD BUSINESS** ~ November meeting: Commission agreed by consensus to hold the next Planning Commission meeting on November 4.

Commissioner Whalen noted that ‘No Parking’ signs on safety cones are being placed in the bike lane in front of Keizer Elementary School are making it impossible for students riding their bikes to school to use the bike lane.

Commissioner DeBlasi brought attention to the Surgeon General’s article that urges cities to plan for more walking because of health benefits. He urged Councilors and staff to keep that in mind during planning. He added that Haggan’s leaving Keizer should be a warning to consider the economic viability of River Road.

**STAFF REPORT:** Mr. Litke described three new pieces of art that were installed on River Road and plans for other pieces. Mr. Brown added that next month the Commission will discuss various issues in the parking ordinance, revisions to accessory structures and the work plan.

**COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:** Councilor Parsons announced that Council had passed the infill development changes that Planning Commission had recommended, but postponed discussion of the shopping cart ordinance.

A person in the audience suggested that the City pursue getting Trader Joe’s to open a store in the vacant Haggan’s/Albertsons store. He urged citizens go to the Trader Joe’s website and make the request.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

***Next Meeting: October 14, 2015***

*Minutes approved:* 10-14-15