KEIZER PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 8, 2015 @ 6:00 pm
Keizer Civic Center

CALL TO ORDER
Chair Jim Jacks called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Present:
Jim Jacks, Chair
Michael DeBlasi, Vice Chair
Garry Whalen (arrived 6:02)
Kyle Juran
Chuck Fisher (arrived 6:03)
Hersch Sangster
Jonathan Thompson

Council Liaison:
Brandon Smith

Staff Present:
Sam Litke, Senior Planner
Nate Brown, Community Development Director
Shane Witham, Associate Planner

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

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS: None

CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING: Text Amendment Case No. 2015-06

Chair Jacks re-opened the Public Hearing

Senior Planner Sam Litke provided an overview of the amendments and referred Commission to the staff report. Chair Jacks indicated that he preferred that the Commission follow the staff report and provide comments as needed relative to each item. Mr. Litke, Community Development Director Nate Brown and Associate Planner Shane Witham provided clarification and fielded questions during the review. Commissioners reviewed each item in the staff report and indicated support for staff recommendations on each.

Lengthy discussion took place regarding parking requirements and allowing credit for parking spaces in a garage.

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

Commissioner Sangster moved to accept the Text Amendments in Case #2015-06 and recommend them to Council for approval. Commissioner Fisher seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows: Jacks, Sangster, DeBlasi, Juran, Thompson, Whalen, and Fisher in favor.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS: Chair Jacks questioned if the U.S. Supreme Court's decision on Reed vs. City of Gilbert sign code case will require Keizer to adjust its sign code. Mr. Brown replied that there is a minor issue regarding political signs but the City is safe, the sign code has stood the test of time; it is content neutral and does not regulate content.

Commissioner Fisher questioned if the prioritization of the "To Do" list should be re-evaluated. Mr. Litke responded that Code Enforcement issues need to be addressed next and #13 "Recreational Marijuana" will need to be moved up now that it is legal in the state.

Commissioner DeBlasi asked if the City has jurisdiction over garbage cans placed in bike lanes. Mr. Witham responded that they are allowed 24 hours before and after pickup but if they are left out after that Code Enforcement should be contacted. Mr. Fisher suggested the City allow the purchase of stickers that pay for pickups in order to reward people who do not require weekly pickup.

STAFF REPORT: Mr. Brown announced that the Planning Department had received 5 building permit applications for the apartments in Area C. Public Improvement permits have been applied for but are still in process. Results of the TGM grant request will not be known until August.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Councilor Smith reported that the Big Toy is complete; pickets are still available for purchase. The Grand Opening will be August 29. The Task Force is officially disbanded but another task force will be initiated to continue with fundraising efforts for the poured-in-place surface. He added that a liquor license was approved for "Full Monty's" and National Night Out is August 4.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Next Meeting: August 12, 2015

Minutes approved: 8-12-15