



TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

February 17, 2011
Stratton

Present: Acting Chairperson Dick Stratton, Commissioners Wade Morlock, and Gordon Roberts.

Excused: Commissioner Scott Harpster. Vacancy: one. Town Planner Mona Green

Staff: Deputy Town Clerk Angela Kulp

Guests: Resident Paula Dix

Acting Chair Stratton called the meeting to order at 7: 11pm.

Minutes: Acting Chair Stratton moved to approve the January 20, 2011 minutes as written. Commissioner Morlock seconded. Vote: 3 For, 0 Against. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Hearing Examiner

Deputy Clerk Kulp noted the purpose of this public hearing is to identify the ordinances impacted by replacing the current Board of Adjustment with an independent Hearing Examiner. The Planning Commission will then make a recommendation to the Council prior to the Council taking any action.

The Public Hearing opened at 7:14pm. Deputy Clerk Kulp identified all impacted Ordinances whose language will change by switching to a Hearing Examiner as follows:
Ordinance 361 Tree Code
Ordinance 372 Zoning Code

Acting Chair Stratton noted these ordinances requiring revisions to word changes to reflect the switch to a Hearing Examiner was a logical step upon which he agreed taking. Commissioners Morlock and Roberts concurred and no further discussion was needed for their benefit.

Guest Dix inquired more detail for the purpose of this public hearing as well as a greater understanding of why the switch was happening and how it came to be. Deputy Clerk Kulp explained in detail the Town's concerns, and the lengthy discussion and public hearing process that has taken place over the last year to get to this final step.

Upon Guest Dix's understanding, Acting Chair Stratton moved to recommend to the Council to proceed with the language change on the ordinances impacted to finalize the switch to a Hearing Examiner, from the current Board of Adjustment. Commissioner Morlock seconded. Vote: 3-0, motion passed.

The public hearing closed at 7:29pm.

OLD BUSINESS: Shoreline Management Update

In Planner Green's absence, Deputy Clerk Kulp recapped where the Commission stood in the process of the Shoreline Master Program draft for the Department of Ecology. As promised, Planner Green had completed and sent to the commissioners the first couple of chapters of the draft, along with links to Shoreline Master Programs through websites for the Dept. of Ecology, and a couple of nearby jurisdictions, including Bellevue and Mercer Island. Acting Chair Stratton inquired if the shoreline administrator had any jurisdictions over docks, since he perceived docks to be a grey area. Deputy Clerk Kulp assured Mr. Stratton that Planner Green would be able to address this concern at the March meeting.

Commissioner Morlock inquired in the interest of keeping on schedule, if there may be some larger concepts in chapters to address later, that could be identified sooner, as it may allow the commissioners adequate time for potential required discussion. Deputy Clerk Kulp noted she would pass the request onto Planner Green to address also at the March meeting.

Adjourn: Acting Chair Stratton moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Roberts seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm. Vote: 3 For, 0 Against. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 17, 2011, 7:00pm at Commissioner Harpster's home.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Kulp, Deputy Town Clerk