
FW: Testimony for City of Gearhart Council meeting

1 message

Cheryl Lund <planning@ci.gearhart.or.us>
To: Krysti Ficker <krysti@cityofgearhart.com>
Cc: Chad Sweet <chadsweet@cityofgearhart.com>

Mon, Nov 23, 2020 at 1:49 PM

Krysti – attached is correspondence from Patricia Roberts regarding the C1 Text Amendments. Per Chad this goes to next weeks council meeting. She submitted an email with no attachments. I attempted to contact her prior to the meeting with no reply. The attached arrived Friday November 20th 3pm.

Cheryl

From: Patricia Roberts <patjeanroberts@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, November 20, 2020 2:59 PM
To: Cheryl Lund <planning@ci.gearhart.or.us>
Subject: Testimony for City of Gearhart Council meeting

Please enter into the public record. Thank you Patricia

November 17, 2020

Public comment

To: Gearhart City Council

From: Patricia Roberts

Date: November 19, 2020 Public hearing

RE: Neighborhood Commercial C-1 Amendments

I am disappointed the Planning Commission did not take advantage of their opportunity to resolve existing issues with the current C-1 zoning ordinance. The highly discretionary nature of determining what is allowed and not allowed within the zone is a major determinant to it's success. I have watched as business after business has permanently closed its doors. The downtown is dying. Yes, Covid has been a factor recently but the restrictive, cumbersome regulation of what is and what is not allowed has been a much larger contributor, in my opinion. Take for example Mr. Allen's attempt a few years ago to have outdoor seating during the summer months which met fierce opposition. This was an innovation that would have been attractive to his customers and possibly improved his bottom line. All the road blocks the City put up prevented us from ever knowing. It is too late to help him now and his restaurant is closed.

Currently applications for annual licenses must be approved by the City Manager. This is being done in an uneven, opaque manner. Two businesses have not comply with the C-1 zone requirements were for a number of years but were given a pass and allowed to continue without going through the approval as required by the Planning Commission. The Mayor has stated other business do not comply with their allowed uses. It is a mess. Why not simplify and allow retail as an outright use rather than state a long list of uses that are not allowed? The over ridding requirement that a business not attract tourist as a destination or be a chain or cookie cutter model should be enough control. All businesses must be treated equally, opening and transparently. They are not now, in my opinion. The current revisions to the C-1 do not address these concerns. The same mess will continue.

Finally, as I understand, the Planning Commission introduced at it's hearing, a new requirement that residential use of part of the business property became a conditional use. What has been an outright use in the C-1 since the City's origin will become a conditional use. Business owners living above or behind their business is a tradition in Gearhart as most other cities of its age. Pure and simple this is a taking. Allowing the existing businesses to be grandfathered, as long as no changes are made is still taking something of value from them. No testimony or comments were allowed at the Planning Commission's public hearing. What happened to due process? Business owners who live in part or their business property or have living units in their business property have been stripped of their existing rights. Why was this proposed. What are the reasons for this change? No findings are provided. The difference between an outright use and a conditional use can not be empathized enough. This can not stand. And charging \$2,000 to apply for a conditional use is too high. It approaches extortion!

I hope the Council will consider my comments in the nature they are offered; constructively. We all want a thriving vibrant downtown Gearhart.

Patricia Roberts

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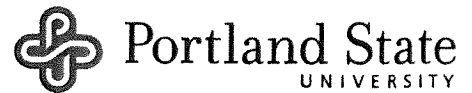
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– IMPORTANT NOTICE –

Preliminary 2020 Population Estimate

Listed below is the preliminary population estimate for July 1, 2020. Also included are the certified 2019 estimate and 2010 Census figure. The July 1, 2020 estimate will be certified following the review period on December 15, 2020.

PRELIMINARY POPULATION ESTIMATE:

JULY 1, 2020: 1545

CERTIFIED POPULATION ESTIMATE:

JULY 1, 2019: 1525

CERTIFIED CENSUS FIGURE:

APRIL 1, 2010: 1462

The 2020 certified population estimates will be posted to our web site by the close of business December 15, 2020 at the following page URL:

<https://www.pdx.edu/population-research/population-estimates>

If you have any questions or comments about the preliminary population estimate, please contact:

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Form submission from: Gearhart Elk & Wildlife

1 message

City of Gearhart Oregon via City of Gearhart Oregon <info@ci.gearhart.or.us>

Mon, Nov 2, 2020 at 12:34 PM

Reply-To: City of Gearhart Oregon <info@cityofgearhart.com>

To: krysti@cityofgearhart.com

Submitted on Monday, November 2, 2020 - 12:34pm

Submitted by user: krysti@cityofgearhart.com

Submitted values are:

First Name: Giorgia

Last Name: Piekarski

Email Address: n/a

Phone:

Type of Wildlife Encountered: Elk

Type of Experience: Positive

Feedback/Please Describe Your Experience: from City Alerts FB page: "Overly upset about the fact that all the people that have moved there from somewhere else and don't know that the elk have been crossing 101 for hundreds and hundreds of years. It's nothing new except for for you it's new and you're destroying them and what you need to do is build a land mass bridge over 101 so that it can cross safely to get to the beach and educate all the people that have moved there that they could do this and leave them alone.to the people that don't want them eating their flowers while you shouldn't have built your house on their path. Talk about majestic does elks in majestic Oregon locals are majestic we don't litter we respect the land Somali people from somewhere else better take good care."

Would you like us to forward your feedback to the ODFW (Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife): Yes

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.cityofgearhart.com/node/1441/submission/24531>

Form submission from: Gearhart Elk & Wildlife

1 message

City of Gearhart Oregon via City of Gearhart Oregon <info@ci.gearhart.or.us>
Reply-To: City of Gearhart Oregon <info@cityofgearhart.com>
To: krysti@cityofgearhart.com

Tue, Nov 3, 2020 at 9:18 AM

Submitted on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 - 9:18am
Submitted by anonymous user: 172.58.45.239
Submitted values are:

First Name: Giorgia
Last Name: Piekarski
Email Address: piekarskigiorgia@gmail.com
Phone: 5034209777

Type of Wildlife Encountered:

- Deer
- Elk
- Coyotes
- Beavers
- Birds
- Raccoons
- Sea Life
- Other

Type of Experience: Positive

Feedback/Please Describe Your Experience: A group on the coast and I've seen wild animals my whole life but now that I'm 65 and everybody is moved here from somewhere else I see the extreme stress that is put on the environment I'm contacting you because of viaduct needs to be built for the elks so they can cross the highway and rules need to be made so that they will leave a space open along the coast of the animals can actually get to the beach.

Would you like us to forward your feedback to the ODFW (Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife): Yes

The results of this submission may be viewed at:
<https://www.cityofgearhart.com/node/1441/submission/24541>

CARES ACT Funding Update for the Clatsop County Business Community

1 message

Kevin Leahy <KLeahy@clatsopcc.edu> Tue, Nov 3, 2020 at 4:54 PM
 To: Bruce Jones <bjones@astoria.or.us>, "Henry A. Balensifer III" <hbalensifer@ci.warrenton.or.us>, Mayor Matty Brown <mayorbrown@cityofgearhart.com>, Jay Barber <barberjay573@gmail.com>, Sam Steidel <steidel@ci.cannon-beach.or.us>, Kathleen Sullivan <ksullivan@co.clatsop.or.us>, Brett Estes <bestes@astoria.or.us>, Linda Engbretson <lengbretson@ci.warrenton.or.us>, Chad Sweet <chadsweet@cityofgearhart.com>, "mwinstanley@cityofseaside.us" <mwinstanley@cityofseaside.us>, "stdenis@ci.cannon-beach.or.us" <stdenis@ci.cannon-beach.or.us>, "dbohn@co.clatsop.or.us" <dbohn@co.clatsop.or.us>, Monica Steele <msteele@co.clatsop.or.us>
 Cc: Chris Breitmeyer <cbreitmeyer@clatsopcc.edu>, "Kujala, Mark" <mkujala@columbiamemorial.org>, Alisa Dunlap <alisa.dunlap@pacificorp.com>, Kristin J Talamantez <ktalamantez@columbiabank.com>, Jed Arnold <jedarnold@hamptonlumber.com>, Meyer Freeman <mfreeman@clatsopcc.edu>, Mary McArthur <mbmcarthur@nworegon.org>, Ayreann Colombo <acolombo@nworegon.org>, Krysti Ficker <krysti@cityofgearhart.com>

Mayors, City Managers, Commission Chair Sullivan and CEDR Board Executive Committee,
 We are VERY close to funding the \$1,167,641 requested by 212 businesses throughout Clatsop County, between the State of Oregon approved funding, City of Astoria funding (CARES ACT) approved at Council last night, and an anticipated approval from the County Commissioners of Clatsop County funds from CARES ACT.

(Clatsop County was 47% of the dollar amount requested in the Col-Pac region of Clatsop, Tillamook, Columbia and Western Washington County, by far the largest dollar request in the region!!)

My best guess is we are still around \$141,000 short to fully fund as of now.

I am in so many meetings hearing that there is a lot of CARES ACT dollars still out there and asking if each of you could take another pass on where you sit, to see if we can take care of all applications here in the County, which are all so needed.

Please let me know, and I will also keep you updated where we sit. I firmly believe working together we will get there.

Thank you.
 Kevin

Kevin Leahy
 Executive Director,
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 (CCC SBDC) Clatsop Community College Small Business Development Center
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Winner of SBA's 2015 Region 10 SBDC Center of Excellence and Innovation Award

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Mon, Nov 9, 2020 at 4:25 /

wanted to send a huge thank you to your beautiful city, it's residents, and your police department. We had a 2 day estate sale at 294 S. Ocean Ave. All the wonderful neighbors were very accommodating to our large crowd of attendees. But mostly I must commend your wonderful police department. We were unaware a permit would be required, literally the evening before very late we got a call from a friend of ours that lives in Gearhart as a resident and she asked us about our permit and if everything was in order for the sale and I had no idea about the permit. So I called the non-emergency police line because of course you were all closed and asked about it your wonderful officer helped me over the phone he filled out not one but two copies of the paperwork and came to the door of the home had me sign the copies kept one for himself and gave me one he went way far above and beyond what anybody had to do and I have a huge respect for a department that hires those kind of men and women to serve. Not to mention he was just a great guy. Sincerely.. Amy Johnson from David Johnson Estate Sales.

22 September 2020

Gearhart City Council
City of Gearhart
698 Pacific Way
Gearhart, Oregon 97138

Members of the council,

On behalf of the city of Seaside and the Seaside Airport Advisory Committee, I wish to thank you for your recent donation to our airport improvement fund. Combined with your donation from last year and contributions from private individuals and materials and funds from the city of Seaside, we are well on our way towards being able to build a shed to house loaner bicycles for the use of fly-in tourists. With limited transportation options for fly-in visitors, the loaner bikes have already proven to be a popular addition to our airport, and we have received many favorable comments from airport users. We are grateful for the support that Gearhart provides for the airport.

Sincerely,



Randall Henderson, Chairman
Seaside Airport Advisory Committee

cc: Dale McDowell, Airport Manager
City of Seaside



Fwd: FW: PICKLE BALL REQUESTS

1 message

Chad Sweet <chadsweet@cityofgearhart.com>
To: Krysti Ficker <krysti@cityofgearhart.com>

Mon, Nov 16, 2020 at 4:11 PM

For correspondence. December

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From: **wilson mark** <wilwmark@outlook.com>

Date: Sat, Nov 14, 2020 at 1:28 PM

Subject: FW: PICKLE BALL REQUESTS

To: Matt Brown <mayorbrown@cityofgearhart.com>, Gearhart City Hall <chadsweet@cityofgearhart.com>

Cc: councilorjesse@cityofgearhart.com <councilorjesse@cityofgearhart.com>, councilorfackerell@cityofgearhart.com <councilorfackerell@cityofgearhart.com>, councilorcockrum@cityofgearhart.com <councilorcockrum@cityofgearhart.com>, councilorsmith@cityofgearhart.com <councilorsmith@cityofgearhart.com>, warrenpdx@gmail.com <warrenpdx@gmail.com>, Bebe Michel <littlebylittle4change@gmail.com>, senolan@gmail.com <senolan@gmail.com>

REQUEST: Pickle Ball group (PB) is requesting use of second tennis court so they can accommodate 22 to 28 more players plus hold tournaments on both tennis courts.

FUNDS: The city of Gearhart is holding some PB funds. The funds would be used to give the second tennis court the same pickle ball lines and portable nets as the court they are currently using. This, however, has not been agreed to by the city.

1. It is very important to know that giving the PB group, consisting of out of town and local players, the use of ONE of our tennis courts was a compromise. A compromise which gives tennis players and PB players an even shot of using a court. Note that Gearhart was the only city to accommodate the PB request.
2. Also, it is important that we keep in mind, that we are in the middle of a very dangerous and easily transmitted pandemic. Physical exertion greatly increases the production of aerosols and droplets. Pickle ball courts are smaller than tennis courts so players have closer contact with each other. With larger PB groups, spectators and those waiting in groups could potentially cause super spreader events. Note that pickle ball courts in other jurisdictions are modifying rules by allowing single player games only.
3. Gearhart residents full and part time, as well as Gearhart tourists, should not be denied the opportunity to play tennis due to PB groups using both

courts for large groups and tournaments. Note that a large part of the recent growth in Gearhart is younger families...age groups that play tennis.

4. Note that Gearhart City regulations do not allow for recreational spaces to be reserved. This is being mentioned in case the PB players want to reserve courts for a tournament.

5. Additionally note that there are PB player options to include Camp Rilea which has an indoor PB court and Nehalem with 4 pickle ball courts.

6. The city is in the process of developing a master parks plan. This would be a good time for PB players to exercise patience, save their funds, and coordinate with the park plans to install courts that are designed only for pickle ball. This would be a plan that would WORK FOR EVERYONE.

Thank you, Gearhart residents: Wilson Mark, Brent Warren, Bebe Michel, Sheila Nolan

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"Resilient Together!"

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