

CITY OF GEARHART

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January 10, 2019

MEMBERS: Carl Anderson, Virginia Dideum, Stephanie Dudley, Terry Graff, Russ Taggard, Austin Tomlinson and David Smith.

STAFF: Secretary Lund

Minutes

The regular meeting of the Gearhart Planning Commission for Thursday, January 10, 2019 was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Virginia Dideum.

Dideum introduced Austin Tomlinson as the newest commissioner. Tomlinson noting growing up in Gearhart, currently a permanent resident who works for Columbia Land Trust Group, he manages coastal properties on both the Washington and Oregon sides of the lower Columbia river, his background is in soil science.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

On **MOTION** by Graff, 2nd by Dudley, motion was unanimously approved to leave President and Vice-president the same.

On **MOTION** by Anderson, 2nd by Graff, the minutes of November 8, 2018 were unanimously approved.

The financial report as of December 31, 2018 was as follows:

Planning Commission expenses:

Year to date	11,060.72
Balance	1,939.28

Planning Commission Secretary Expenses:

Year to date	19,980.04
Balance	10,019.96

On **MOTION** by Anderson, 2nd by Smith, the financial report of December 31, 2018 was unanimously approved.

STAFF

Staff requested Commissioners be presented with copies of Article 11 Amendments outlining procedure for amending the zoning ordinance and C-1 and C-2 zone criteria.

Sweet sent a reminder of the Town Hall meeting regarding the Fire Station scheduled for January 29th, 7 pm, check the city blog for details.

COMMISSIONERS

Dudley reported on the planning commission training last month in Astoria attended by several members. Smith said the biggest take away he had was the need to declare any exparte contact, sharing with commissioners any information that may have been learned. There are trainings planned on a regular basis, next training on wetland.

GOALS LIST

Smith reviewed work of the subcommittee suggesting Design Review Standards be given a #1 priority and be specified as *Commercial Design Review*.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

VISITORS COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMISSIONERS CONCERNS

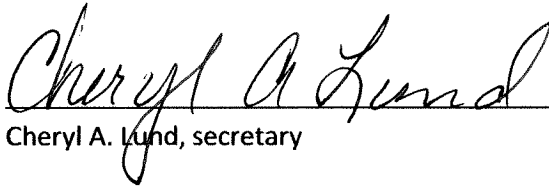
Smith reported on the subcommittee meeting regarding design review clarifying all residential zones were not discussed. He restated raising the priority of Commercial Design review and maintaining it as a regular agenda item. He further asked commissioners approval to ask Jeff Adams, Cannon Beach Community Development Director to attend the February commission meeting to share his experience with resort-oriented communities. Dideum authorized Smith to ask Adams to attend the February commission meeting. By consensus priority of Commercial Design Review was bumped up to #1, and not place Design Review as a regular agenda item since it will appear monthly on the goals report.

Discussion followed on what is happening with Gearhart Crossing, noting the property is and has been for sale for years, currently nothing is planned for the site, effect of the current approved conditional use on any future business. Following discussion with Mayor Brown, Smith suggested a joint work session with the council in February to discuss the commercial zone ordinances; C1, C2 and RCPD. Dideum will contact Sweet, Mayor Brown, Connell and set a joint work session within the next 2 months.

QUESTIONS FOR LAND USE ATTORNEY

None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 pm.


Cheryl A. Lund, secretary

approved