

This meeting of the Wallowa County Planning Commission convened at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 31, 2012, with the following present:

MEMBERS: Benjamin Curry
Ramona Phillips
Scott Lathrop
Georgene Henson
Ron Lathrop - via Telephone

STAFF: Harold Black, Planning Director

OTHERS PRESENT:

No Public Present

KEN WICK, CHAIRMAN: [Introduced members and staff and read agenda.]

[Please note that draft and adopted findings, staff reports, written testimony, and the official Planning Commission meeting audio record are available for review and/or purchase in the Planning Department.]

Public Hearing Procedure

Ladies and Gentlemen, I call the regular June 26, 2012 hearing session of the Wallowa County Planning Commission to order. My name is Benjamin Curry, and I am the Chairman of the Planning Commission for Wallowa County, Oregon. The members of the Planning Commission are appointed by the Wallowa County Board of Commissioners and we all serve as volunteers. Now I would like to introduce the current members of the Commission who are present tonight, and the staff of the Planning Commission, who have prepared the materials we will consider. (Does introductions of members and staff).

We conduct two types of hearings, legislative and quasi-judicial. Legislative hearings involve the making of rules, either new ones or revisions to existing rules. In these cases we recommend our conclusions to your elected lawmakers, the County Commissioners, who always take the final action on legislative issues. Oregon law requires that persons who attend a land-use hearing be advised of certain rights and duties before the quasi-judicial hearing begins. We must tell you about approval criteria, the raise-it-or-waive-it rule, and the right to have the record left open. First approval criteria: the law requires the County to list the applicable County and State zoning criteria. A County Planner will do so in a few minutes. The law requires us to identify those standards which an applicant must satisfy in order for the County to approve an application. Each of the standards must be supported by substantial evidence in the record. Make sure to direct your testimony, claims, or evidence toward the criteria stated by the Planner or any other criteria which you believe applies to the application. Second, the raise-it-or-waive-it-rule. The law says that any issue which might be raised in an appeal of the decision after this hearing must be raised before the record of this hearing is closed. If you do not raise the issue before the record is closed, you cannot raise the issue on appeal. You must identify the issue clearly enough so that the County and all parties have an opportunity to respond to the issue. Third, the right to have the record remain open. The law grants the participant the right upon proper

request to have the record of the hearing remain open for at least seven days. The request must be made before the conclusion of this hearing. The participant is the applicant or anyone who has submitted written or oral testimony regarding the application. The request may be made at any time during the initial hearing, but must be made prior to the time the Planning Commission Chair announces that the hearing is closed. Once the hearing is closed, there is no longer a legal right to have the record remain open for additional evidence.

Limbaugh CUP#12-03 Findings

Harold Black presents the Limbaugh CUP#12-03 Findings dated June 27, 2012.

Ramona Phillips moves to approve the Findings as presented.

Scott Lathrop seconds the motion. [Motion passes 5-0-0]

Other Business

The Planning Commission discuss the possibility of Sterling Shetler becoming a Planning Commission member and agree that he will be a welcomed addition and further agree to have Harold Black pass along their recommendation to the Board of Commissioners.

Minutes

Scott Lathrop moves to approve the June 26, 2012 minutes as written.

Georgene Henson seconds the motion. [Motion passes 4-0-0]

There being no further business before the commission, the meeting was, on motion duly made and seconded, adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Chrystal Allen
Permit Technician

Date