

MINUTES

Clallam County Planning Commission

Meeting of April 19, 2023, 6:00 PM

- A. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
- C. ROLL CALL: Members present were Chair Steve Gale, Vice Chair Ron Long, Ken Reandeau, Thomas Butler, Robert Miller, Jane Hielman, Bonnie Booth, and Jeff Carter. Donella Clark, Principal Planner, Greg Ballard, Senior Planner, and Bruce Emery, Director, represented staff from the Department of Community Development.
- D. WELCOME: Chair Gale welcomed all in attendance.
- E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 15, 2023 passed with one abstention
- F. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sign Ordinance went through a public hearing with the Board. They requested adding a definition for electronic signs and will be holding a second hearing on May 2, 2024.
- G. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Jim McEntire commented that the Planning Commission should consider allowing existing vacation rentals to be grandfathered if new regulations are imposed. Should also consider capacity and ensure that any regulations considered do not stunt capacity for vacationers in our community.
- Staff later commented that we have no way of grandfathering vacation rentals since we have no permits that have been issued for vacation rentals or park models. The current ordinance is intended as operation standards and does not intend to place a limit on number of vacation rentals. Bed and Breakfasts would be grandfathered based on the fact they receive a building permit prior to operation, but any new would have to meet the standards.
- H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none
- I. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM: none
- J. WORK SESSION ITEMS: Staff presented the changes to the draft Landscaping Ordinance. Staff will make changes and prepare the ordinance for a public hearing in late May/early June.
- Discussion regarding transient accommodations ordinance began with a question of appropriateness to move it forward at this time. The City of Port Angeles is working on an inventory of vacation rentals to understand their impact to housing. Although many people have a feeling vacation rentals impact the market there is no empirical data. It was decided to table the item until additional information is collected and to discuss it at a later date.
- K. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Warren Billups provided written and oral comment regarding desire for the Commission to look at defining accessory uses for agricultural activities.
- L. GOOD OF THE ORDER: Robert Miller informed the group that this meeting marked his 25th year on the Planning Commission.
- M. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at ___7:45__ p.m.