

## MINUTES

### Clallam County Planning Commission

*Meeting of June 7, 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, Jane Hielman, Bonnie Booth, Robert Miller, Tom Butler, and Jeff Carter. Donella Clark, Principal 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: May 17, 2023 passed with one abstention
- F. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Staff will be forwarding the draft landscaping ordinance prior to the packet to allow the Commission time to review the changes before the public hearing that is scheduled June 21, 2023.
- G. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Three members of the public provided comments related to electronic signs and their hope that the Planning Commission would vote to prohibit them. Clallam County presents unique natural characteristics that deserves to be preserved by banning bright, flashy lights.
- H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Staff presented language in the code that would allow electronic signs in the Eastern Urban Growth Area of Port Angeles with standards to address the nuisance characteristics of electronic signs such as brightness, color, refresh time, flashing, animation, size. The Commission held a discussion regarding electronic signs and ultimately voted 6-2 to forward the previous version that prohibited electronic signs.
- I. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM: none
- J. WORK SESSION ITEMS: none
- K. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Two additional members of the public provided comments regarding electronic signs, thanking the Planning Commission for their vote. It was noted that the objectives listed in the sign code already support the prohibition of electronic signs through reducing excessive lighting and preserving the Scenic Highway.
- L. GOOD OF THE ORDER: Director Emery noted his pride in the work the Commission does, maintaining their independent representation of the different viewpoints that the citizens depend on to make good decisions. Commissioner Booth expressed her appreciation for the civil discourse within the group.
- M. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at \_\_\_6:50\_\_\_ p.m.