

MINUTES

Clallam County Planning Commission

Meeting of July 5, 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, Tom Butler, and Jeff Carter. Bruce Emery, Director, and Donella Clark, Principal Planner, represented staff from the Department of Community Development.
- D. WELCOME: Chair Gale welcomed all in attendance.
- E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 21, 2023 minutes passed without objection or amendment.
- F. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) is too early to tell impacts. Department of Commerce has not yet provided a model ordinance, nor are there other jurisdictions who have implemented regulations that can provide clarity on how Clallam County should implement these new requirements. Mr. Emery expressed his desire for the landscaping ordinance to continue forward and that changes be made in the future when the impacts of the WUI are better understood.
- G. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Apryl Kramer provided comments regarding her loss of privacy due to the RV park that was developed adjacent to her property. She feels that the codes are not being rewritten to benefit people in her situation. Ed Telenick commented on a lack of code enforcement component in Clallam County. Michael Rigsby raised concerns regarding the RV park development adjacent to his property and that the fencing approved for the development adjacent to his property is not high enough.
- H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No unfinished business.
- I. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM: Commission discussed where in the agenda to have a discussion and take action on ordinances presented. The Commission felt they cannot take action during a work session and instead should take testimony, then deliberate, then make a recommendation. It was decided to strike the work session item regarding the draft landscaping ordinance and have the discussion and take any action during the public hearing portion of the agenda. There may be an amendment to the Bylaws coming to include a placeholder in the agenda for Commission Action.

Staff provided an overview of the changes that were made based on the suggestion of the Commission at the previous meeting. The Commissioners asked questions to clarify what changes were made.

The Commission opened the public hearing for comments: Annie O'Rourke asked if she could have a copy of the revised text and asked about the effects of WUI on the landscaping ordinance. Director Emery reiterated the comments provided earlier in the meeting that it is too early to tell what the impacts will be. Apryl Kramer provided comment regarding noxious weeds needing to be removed in landscape buffers. Ms. Kramer also noted the County has not enforced existing codes and her home is lit up like Las Vegas from the adjacent development. Ed Telenick commented that this ordinance is not going to matter since there is no enforcement in the County. Micheal Rigsby provided comments regarding the need for fencing not being high enough.

Commissioner Long noted this would be a fantastic ordinance elsewhere, but contains too much detail for Clallam County and he could not support it. Jeff Carter moved to approve the

ordinance with a reference to the Weed Department in Section 5, adding wording of “no less than 15 feet on center” at the bottom of Page 4 in Section 5.2d, and correct outline to outlined in Section 12. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Steve Gale. A roll call vote was done and the motion passed 6-1 with one commissioner absent.

- J. WORK SESSION ITEMS: Struck work session item and took action during the Public Hearing portion of the agenda.
- K. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:
- L. GOOD OF THE ORDER: Ed Telenick expressed his disappointment in the vote. He feels there needs to be the word shall rather than may, otherwise this is just another failed ordinances that will baffle Code Enforcement. Mike Rigsby stated that he no longer has any privacy at this home. Apryl Kramer feels that Hearing Examiner conditions are not being met and are being overruled with no enforcement of the rules.
- M. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at ___7:20__ p.m.