

AGENDA ITEM

I. ROLL CALL

Chair Micki Summerhays called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM. In attendance were Commissioners Eisenhauer, Atkin, Couch, and Summerhays. Staff in attendance were Planning Director Matt Brinkley and Assistant Planner Steffen Roennfeldt.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Summerhays moved item “d” beneath item “a” – the Site Design Review before either of the study sessions. None were opposed.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING JULY 11, 2016

Regular Planning Commission Meeting, July 11, 2016: The minutes were approved with no changes.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER COUCH, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EISENHAUER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 11, 2016 REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: COUCH, EISENHAUER (4)

NAYS: NONE (0)

ABSTENTIONS: NONE (0)

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. PRESENTATION BY RICH HANSON AND ROGUE RETREAT

Mr. Brinkley brought up the housing needs assessment from a few months ago and the need for housing for individuals who are homeless. Rogue Retreat will discuss homelessness in Jackson County and how it might be addressed.

Heather Everett presented on Rogue Retreat and creative solutions for housing for the homeless in Jackson County. It can be difficult to compare numbers of homeless populations between years because the definitions for homelessness can change. 527 homeless persons were counted this past year. This does not account for the entirety of the homeless population in the area.

Some solutions other areas such as Portland and Eugene have used to combat homelessness include tiny houses. Opportunity Village in Eugene has about 30 tiny homes. They are organized by a nonprofit group and a self-governed community with a reasonably high success rate.

In the structure of the village model, Eugene’s tiny house village created a manual with rules for living in the area. They meet weekly to make decisions regarding chores, any incidents, and have elected individuals to make community decisions.

Rogue Retreat was established in 1998. They offer clean and sober housing for individuals who are homeless. The main issue is the wait for their programs can be from a year to a year and a half. Addiction issues, foundational skills, credit history, and personal identification are some of the things that Rogue Retreat addresses for the people they serve. The primary

**B. SITE DESIGN
REVIEW – EXTERIOR
REMODELING OF
HISTORIC BUILDING
AT 117 W FIRST
STREET (HISTORIC
REVIEW BOARD)**

product they provide is case management, while the tiny houses and Hope Village is the model to get individuals off the streets. Hope Village does not provide a housing solution for all homeless individuals, but for those who are seeking to find housing and establish themselves in the community by finding a job and stable housing. Rich Hanson suggested a starting point would be to ask local cities if they can lease government land at a low cost for a tiny house village.

Mr. Couch lives at 117 W First Street. Chair Summerhays asked Commissioner Couch to be recused from the Planning Commission. He is putting a new roof on his house and planning to remodel the upper story to have an exit in case of fire. Mr. Brinkley clarified that the Planning Commission is also serving as the Historic Review Board. Chair Summerhays requested the wording that applies to modifications to a historical property. Mr. Brinkley noted that the alteration of this building most likely would not affect the historical nature of the building.

MOVED BY EISENHAUER, SECONDED BY ATKIN, TO APPROVE THE MODIFICATION TO THE HOUSE WHILE WORKING WITH THE CITY PLANNER TO ENSURE THAT ALL HISTORIC BUILDING REQUIREMENTS ARE MET.

**ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:
AYES: ATKIN, SUMMERHAYS & EISENHAUER (3)
NAYS: NONE (0)
ABSTENTIONS: COUCH (1)**

**C. STUDY SESSION ON
SIGNIFICANT
VEGETATION
ORDINANCE**

Commissioner Couch suggested including in the Mayor's newsletter information regarding tree removal and other vegetation changes with an emphasis on positive wording. Chairperson Summerhays noted that Phoenix being a Bee City encourages bee friendly planting in parks and other urban areas. The rest of the topic was tabled.

**D. STUDY SESSION ON
REGULATION OF
SELF-STORAGE
FACILITIES**

Mr. Brinkley suggested moving this on to a subsequent meeting. However, he noted that there are many self-storage facilities in Phoenix, more than anywhere else in the Rogue Valley. Further discussion followed on possibilities for regulations for self-storage facilities. The rest of the discussion was tabled for a subsequent meeting.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

**VI. COMMENTS FROM
COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Atkin suggested finding a method of communication for planning commissioners. The upcoming tour of PH-5 and PH-10 was discussed.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8.45 P.M.

Micki Summerhays, Chair

Matt Brinkley, Planning Director

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