

**TOWN OF TWISP
PLANNING COMMISSION
JUNE 12, 2019
REGULAR MEETING**

Call to Order: Commissioner Battle called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Attendees: Planner Kurt Danison
Commissioner John Battle
Commissioner Steve Kern
Council Member Alan Caswell
Commissioner Samuel Israel
Commissioner Bill Tackman
Commissioner Donna Keyser

Public Hearing: Amendments to Section 5 of the Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan and Maps and Amendments to Chapter 18.60 Critical Areas Twisp Municipal Code:

Planner Danison opened the Public Hearing at 5:03pm and asked if there were any objections to the Planning Commission making decisions on the Amendments. There were no objections or public comment. Planner Danison stated that the Amendments are part of the Growth Management Act and are required to update. Planner Danison closed the Public Hearing at 5:12pm.

At the conclusion of the hearing the Commission took the following action: Commissioner Israel stated "I move to recommend the Town Council approve the amendments to section 5 of the land use element of the Town of Twisp Comprehensive Plan and maps and amendments to chapter 18.60 TMC subject to the staff finding of facts & conclusions and pass a resolution and ordinance enacting the same. Commissioner Kern seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda: N/A

Public Comment:

Heidi Appel introduced herself to the Planning Commission. She stated she has been looking for a home to buy in Twisp for a long time. She purchased a piece of land on Isabella Ridge and has plans to build a home. In order for her to access her property she needed to have a road built and once she built a road, she feels that it created a lot of grief. She was given a letter written by Sarah Schrock, who lives in the neighborhood of her property. It was suggested that her property be used as an open space and indicated that most of the neighborhood routinely used her property as their own personal backyard. She feels that since the Mayor and two Council Members live on the hill in the neighborhood where her property is located that legislation will be developed based on what she is doing on her property. She said she is currently reviewing her options as to how she will develop her land. She feels that if she wouldn't have started the process of developing her land, it wouldn't be a discussion on the Planning Commissions agenda.

Dara Perez asked Heidi if the letter from Sarah included a signature and a title on it, indicating she was writing on behalf of the Town. Heidi stated she didn't know.

Commissioner Bill Tackman stated that he is currently working on Heidi's property.

Council Member Alan Caswell stated that although the Mayor and Council Members were included on the email, it was a list that was made for times of emergency preparedness. He stated that just because one person wrote their opinion in a letter does not mean that whole neighborhood feels the same.

Discussion: Zoning Clarifications:

Planner Danison stated that the Town received a letter from a citizen that pointed out some errors on the Zoning Amendments that were previously recommended to Council for adoption. The Council Members have decided to have the Planning Commission go through and make some changes. The areas of concern are the definitions and use chart as it related to Industrial and Commercial use. Once the changes have been redrafted there will be another Public Hearing.

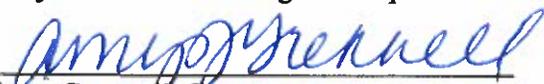
Next Steps:

Next meeting is planned for 7/17/2019.

There being no further business Commissioner Battle adjourned the meeting at 5:47pm



John Battle, Chairman



Amy Grennell, Secretary