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REDMOND URBAN AREA PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes

Monday, November 3, 2014
Council Chambers, 777 SW Deschutes Avenue, Redmond, Oregon

Commissioners Present: Chair Evan Dickens, Vice-Chair Dean Lanouette, David Allen, Tom Kemper, Lori McCoy, Eric Porter (excused: *Anne Graham*)

Youth Ex Officio: Vacant

City Staff: Deborah McMahon, *Principal Planner*; Cameron Prow, *TYPE-Write II*

Visitor: Jennifer Cort

(scribe CP's note: The minutes were created from an audio record and notes taken at the meeting. The three digits after a motion title show the number of commissioners voting in favor/against/abstaining.)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dickens opened the meeting at 7 p.m. with five of seven Commissioners present, establishing a quorum. Commissioner McCoy arrived after the minutes were approved.

Chair Dickens thanked Ms. Cort for her service as the first ex officio member of the Redmond Urban Area Planning Commission.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion 1 (3/0/2): Commissioner Kemper moved to approve the September 15, 2014, minutes subject to correcting the spelling of Jennifer "Court" to "Cort." Commissioner Lanouette seconded the motion which passed with Commissioners Dickens, Kemper, and Lanouette voting in favor and Commissioners Allen and Porter abstaining due to their absence from the September meeting.

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS (None)

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Proposed Development Code Amendments – Signs/Billboards, City File 711-14-000184-TA
(continued from October 6, 2014)

Chair Dickens dispensed with reading the legislative hearing procedures since no one was present in the audience. No commissioners declared new ex parte contact since the October 6 hearing. He instructed commissioners to limit their discussion to the scope of the notice on the electronic sign standards issue.

Ms. McMahon provided her staff report and a PowerPoint presentation and discussed concerns about digital billboards including driver distraction, light emissions, digital messaging/hacking, carbon consumption, and aesthetics. She reviewed text changes made in response to commissioner feedback at the October 6 hearing and reported that staff took another look at some of the larger issues. Reducing intrusions into the sky is

important in helping Redmond avoid the appearance of Anywhere USA. The code changes requested by staff are consistent with the City's comprehensive plan, liability goals and policies, community visioning statements #9 (sign size and design) and #11 (elimination of billboards), and Redmond Development Plan concepts to improve the aesthetics of existing arterial and collector street corridors. New in the prohibited signs section is a clarification that the City is not regulating content of signs for traffic control and public service information. She stated that a new sign code section will be created for the Public Facility Zone to administer signs at elementary, middle, and high schools, which will be presented to commissioners at a future meeting.

Commissioner concerns included how this code applied to existing signs (Motel 6, Walgreens, Wilson's), why the City allowed a public art piece to be installed in a traffic circle, if prohibiting "wind-activated" signs included feather signs, potential of creating nonconforming signs, impact of school signs on surrounding neighborhoods, justification (statistical data) for banning tri-vision billboards, and if nonconforming signs will be "grandfathered in."

Ms. McMahon responded to commissioner concerns. The Motel 6 sign is in code enforcement due to violating its current permit requirement to maintain a static sign for at least a minute.

Chair Dickens conducted a straw poll, asking if commissioners agreed with the intent of the proposed amendments to remove tri-vision billboards. Commissioners Allen, Dickens, Kemper, McCoy, and Porter were in favor and Commissioner Lanouette opposed.

Chair Dickens closed the public hearing at 7:52 p.m.

Motion 2 (5/0/1): Commissioner McCoy moved to recommend City Council approval of the proposed development code amendments (File 711-14-000184-TA), subject to modifying language in Section 8.4110(2) to reflect land owned by units of state or local government; adding 8.4110(4) to prohibit tri-vision billboards and rotating louvers; modifying Section 8.4240/Sentence 1 to read: "The following criteria shall be applicable for all new, relocated, or remodeled billboards allowed in the City of Redmond under Section 8.4245.;" and modifying 8.4240(4) to read: "No billboard face shall be internally lit or contain or utilize any electronic or digital component, liquid crystal diodes, light-emitting diodes, motion signage, and similar digital technologies except as utilized for external lighting." Commissioner Porter seconded the motion which passed with Commissioners Allen, Dickens, Kemper, McCoy, and Porter voting in favor and Lanouette abstaining.

Chair Dickens asked staff to look at the definition of "wind-activated" signs to see if that phrase covered feather signs.

V. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS (None)

VI. STAFF COMMENTS (None)

VII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Vice-Chair Lanouette requested updates on issues carried forward from previous meetings, such as the residential design standards. He requested that staff convey to builders that Planning Commissioners understand and respect that builders have to make a profit but that the commission's interest is in beautifying Redmond.

Ms. McMahon responded that, following further review, staff changed the residential design standards to require a basic section for all new single-family homes and to offer choices that further enhance the design of the home. She is working with various builders to gather factual information, test these changes, and understand what works/doesn't work. The revised standards will be presented to Planning Commission. City Council will hold a public hearing on the livability standards on November 25, 2014. Council's public hearing on the sign code amendments has not yet been scheduled.

Vice-Chair Lanouette also inquired about upcoming Nuisance Board appeals, home occupations, and the state's reported sale of property in the Forked Horn Butte Subdivision.

Per Chair Dickens' request, Ms. McMahon said the next meeting agenda would focus on code changes to streamline master-planning and annexation. She will check with Community Development Director Heather Richards about December meeting dates.

VIII. ADJOURN

The next meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m., Monday, November 17, 2014, in City Hall Conference Room A, 716 SW Evergreen Avenue, Redmond, Oregon.

With no further business, Chair Dickens adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

APPROVED by the Redmond Urban Area Planning Commission and SIGNED by me this 15th day of December, 2014.

ATTEST:

/s/ Evan Dickens
Evan Dickens, Chair