



MINUTES
Planning Commission Meeting
Monday, May 24, 2021 Virtual via Zoom
6:30 PM

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Don Carlton, Commissioner, Ron Lesowski, Commissioner, Jerry Crosby, Commissioner, Chris Mayton, Commissioner, Jan Lee, Commissioner, and Steven Hook, Commissioner

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Hollis Maclean-Wenzel, Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT: Kelly O'Neill, Development Services Director, Shelley Denison, Associate Planner, and Greg Brewster, IT/SandyNet Director

COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT: Rich Sheldon, Councilor

1. MEETING FORMAT NOTICE

Instructions for electronic meetings.

2. ROLL CALL

Chairman Crosby called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1. Draft Minutes for March 29, 2021

Motion: Approve the Planning Commission minutes for March 29, 2021.

Moved By: Commissioner Hook

Seconded By: Commissioner Lee

Yes votes: All Ayes

No votes: None

Abstentions: None

The motion passed.

4. REQUESTS FROM THE FLOOR - Citizen Communication on Non- Agenda Items

None

5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Development Services Director O'Neill explained the Director's Report and answered questions regarding upcoming meetings and the report. Mr. O'Neill also explained that DLCD representative, Jennifer Donnelly, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on May 22, 2021. O'Neill asked for a moment of silence.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. Leslie Pole Barn Variance (21-005 VAR)

Chairman Crosby opened the public hearing on File No. 21-005 VAR at 6:40 p.m. Crosby called for any abstentions, conflicts of interest, ex-parte contact, challenges to the jurisdiction of the Planning Commission, or any challenges to any individual member of the Planning Commission. No challenges were made, and no declarations were made by the Planning Commission.

Staff Report:

Associate Planner Denison summarized the staff report and provided an overview of the proposal, history of the project, and explained the variance request.

Applicant Testimony:

William (Bill) Leslie
37625 Kelso Road
Sandy, OR 97055

Mr. Leslie explained that he has lived at the property for 31 years and that he wants to construct the pole building to store classic vehicles and for a wood shop. He clarified that the tree removal is mainly to reduce limb fall damage to the future pole barn.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Neutral Testimony:

None

Staff Recap:

Denison stated that the application seems very straightforward, and staff recommends approval of the variance.

Applicant Rebuttal:

William (Bill) Leslie
37625 Kelso Road
Sandy, OR 97055

Mr. Leslie explained that staff has been great to work with and that he hopes the Planning Commission approves the variance.

Motion: Motion to close the public hearing at 6:55 p.m.

Moved By: Commissioner Carlton

Seconded By: Commissioner Mayton

Yes votes: All Ayes

No votes: None

Abstentions: None

Discussion:

Commissioner Mayton asked a clarification about the variance procedures. Denison and O'Neill explained the difference between a typical variance and a special variance. Commissioner Carlton then added additional information regarding variances. Commissioner Hook stated that he finds the special variance is a procedure unique to Sandy and that it allows for easier review with less criteria being evaluated.

Motion: Motion to approve the special variance with staff's recommended conditions.

Moved By: Commissioner Carlton

Seconded By: Commissioner Mayton

Yes votes: Carlton, Lesowski, Lee, Hook, Mayton, and Crosby

No votes: None

Abstentions: None

The motion passed at 7:04 p.m.

7. PLANNING COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION

Commissioner Lee asked some questions about in-person meetings versus hybrid meetings. O'Neill and Council Liaison Sheldon clarified that June 21, 2021 will be the first hybrid meeting for the City Council. O'Neill stated that he wants the City Council to work all of the issues out first before the Commission starts meeting in a hybrid model. O'Neill stated it will likely be around September. Commissioners Carlton, Lesowski, and Mayton had additional comments regarding in-person meetings. Council Liaison Sheldon stated that June 7, 2021 would be a good meeting to mention in-person versus hybrid meetings. Chairman Crosby asked O'Neill for some additional information regarding June 7. O'Neill provided additional information as requested.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn

Moved By: Commissioner Carlton

Seconded By: Commissioner Hook

Yes votes: All Ayes

No votes: None

Abstentions: None

The motion passed.

Chairman Crosby adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.



Chair, Jerry Crosby



Planning Director, Kelly O'Neill Jr