

City of Oregon Planning Commission Meeting

The Planning Commission met Tuesday April 19th, 2022, at 5:30 pm.

Members Present: Rachel Brunner, Roger Cain, Randy Cropp, Jeff Hallock, Mark Herman, Rick Ryland, Karly Spell, and Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

Also, Present: City Administrator Darin DeHaan, City Clerk Cheryl Hilton, Brian Young, and Mayor Ken Williams.

Chairman Mark Herman called the meeting to order.

No public comment.

A public hearing was held to discuss Special Use applications for short-term rentals submitted by Wiggale for properties located at 400 W. Washington Street Parcel #16-03-159-018 and 209 S. 5th Street Parcel #16-03-169-005. All required documents were returned to City Hall. The committee discussed if there is a limit on the number of short-term rentals the city wants to allow, this could affect the number of homes available for purchase. They also discussed requirements such as certificate of insurance and hotel taxes required by the department of revenue.

Jeff Hallock moved to close the public hearing at 5:43 pm, seconded by Commissioner Kurt Wilson.

Motion carried. No Nays.

A public hearing was held to discuss a Variance application to extend a concrete driveway submitted by Linda Hollis for the property located at 704 W. Washington Street Parcel #16-04-292-006. All required documents were returned to City Hall.

Rachel Brunner moved to close the public hearing at 5:48 pm, Seconded by Randy Cropp.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Rick Ryland moved to approve the March 15th, 2022, minutes, Seconded by Karly Spell.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Randy Cropp moved to approve a Special Use Application submitted by Wiggale LLC for a short-term rental located at 400 W. Washington Street Parcel #16-03-159-018, Seconded by Jeff Hallock.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Karly Spell moved to approve a Special Use Application submitted by Wiggale LLC for a short-term rental located at 209 S. 5th Street Parcel #16-03-169-005, Seconded by Rachel Brunner.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Roger Cain moved to approve a Variance Application submitted by Linda Hollis at 704 W. Washington Street Parcel #16-04-292-006, Seconded by Jeff Hallock.

Motion carried. No Nays.

City Administrator Darin DeHaan said the city has received a request for a solar unit on the ground. He expects to see more interest in solar power in the future for the city. The director of Lots has expressed interest in solar on the property they purchased on Pines and Rt. 2. The cities Sustainability Committee said that solar units on the ground are best. The city currently has no regulation on solar units. He asked the planning committee for input in creating the regulations. The committee discussed maintenance of existing solar panels, warranties and quality installations, aesthetics, size, and ground cover. City code only allows for one accessory structure per lot. City Administrator Darin DeHaan will provide an ordinance at the next meeting as a starting point.

Commissioner Kurt Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 pm, Seconded by Karly Spell.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk