

**TOWN OF LA CONNER
PLANNING COMMISSION ZOOM MEETING
March 16, 2021**

The Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Commissioners present: Bruce Bradburn, Rick Dole, Marna Hanneman, Liz Theaker.

Commissioners absent: Carol Hedlin.

Staff: Michael Davolio, Ramon Hayes, Scott Thomas.

Members of the public: 3.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Dole moved to approve the February 16, 2021 minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Hanneman. Commissioner Theaker abstained. Motion carried 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- *Public Hearing Catholic Church New Garage*

Public hearing for the Catholic Church New Garage opened at 6:10 PM.

Commissioner Hanneman said that she noticed that the old garage is on an adjacent lot, and asked if by tearing it down and putting the new garage where it's going to be, the second lot would become vacant. Chad Fisher said yes. Commissioner Dole said that he walked the property that anything that goes in there would be an improvement. Fisher added that the existing garage sits about two feet onto the neighbor's property to the north and also sat on the alley which was vacated, so it used to straddle three pieces of property. Dole said it's overgrown by weeds in the back and Fisher agreed that it's a real eyesore and just about ready to fall down. Commissioner Bradburn said that besides improving the physical aspects of things the proposal certainly cleans up a bunch of property issues as well. Commissioner Hanneman said that it makes a lot more sense to have a garage coming in off of where it's proposed that than where it is now.

Commissioner Theaker asked if the color of the roof tiles and body of the building would be similar to the existing structure. Chad said yes, it will match the house next door.

Commissioner Bradburn moved to close the Public Hearing at 6:15 PM. Second by Commissioner Dole. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hanneman to accept the staff report on the Catholic Church Garage replacement. Seconded by Commissioner Dole. Motion carried 4-0.

CLOSING COMMENTS:

The next planning commission meeting will be held on April 20th. Planner Michael Davolio said that there are two hearings coming up and asked the commission if they wanted to do them both at the regular Planning Commission at that meeting or hold a second meeting. The first hearing will be for the Shoreline Management Program update which has been ongoing and which the town has a grant for. The second hearing will be for the Firehall by La Conner Brewing which is a new restaurant going in to the old Mary Davis Lighting Building at 402 Morris Street. They want to construct a breezeway to connect the two buildings among other things. The commission agreed to hold both hearings at the April 20th meeting.

With no further business Commissioner Theaker moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Bradburn. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair

Date