

TOWN OF LA CONNER
PLANNING COMMISSION ZOOM MEETING
June 15, 2021

The Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

Commissioners present: Rick Dole, Marna Hanneman, Carol Hedlin and Liz Theaker.

Commissioners absent: Bruce Bradburn.

Staff: Michael Davolio, Ramon Hayes.

Members of the public: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

MINUTES:

Will be available at next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- *Historic Commemorative Signs*

Mayor Ramon Hayes said that about a year ago, they started developing the concept of more historical walking tours through town and the concept of a QR code came up that would be attached to buildings that would allow people to scan it with their smartphones and one of two things would happen- either text would appear talking about the history of that particular site, or, a video would appear which would do the same thing. There was about \$1,500 in hotel/motel funds for this and Hayes contacted Lori, a friend who does independent films and asked her if she would be willing to take on the project. She agreed but due to health issues was unable to move forward. Rachel Cram then took on this project which she is using for her volunteer hours at the high school.

Planner Michael Davolio researched the proposed building signs and determined that they can be considered historic commemorative plaques under the code and don't require any approval if they're less than three feet in size.

The intent is to present this to the Planning Commission first, then to Council, who are already fully aware of it having approved the concept back when they approved the hotel/motel funds. Provided that goes well, the individual property owners will be contacted regarding putting the plaques on their buildings. Staff will develop a design for the plaques and then the planning commission will review it when the project is at that stage.

- *Public Hearing - 2021 Code Amendments Supplement*

Public Hearing opened at 6:13 PM.

Late last year the Town updated the development regulations to reduce the minimum lot size for residential lots. Staff attempted to correct all the mentions of that in the code, but subsequent to that action found a couple of places where the 5,000 square foot minimum lot size was still there and created some potential conflicts. To correct this, staff is recommending that two specific sections of the code be removed. The proposed changes were sent to the Dept. of Commerce and the review has expired with no comment. Staff has determined SEPA is not required although a SEPA Checklist was completed for the State, because there is a provision in SEPA that if a similar action has been done recently, you can do an amendment to it, which is what staff chose to do. With the Commission's recommendation, the changes will go to Council next for their final approval.

Public hearing closed at 6:18 PM.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hedlin supporting substituting 4,000 for 5,000 in the minimum lot size section of the municipal code 15.10.700 and deleting the following section Design standards for single-family houses. Seconded by Commissioner Hanneman. Motion carried 4-0.

CLOSING COMMENTS:

The next planning commission meeting will be Tuesday, July 20th, 2021.

With no further business Commissioner Dole moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Theaker. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair

Date