

MOSES LAKE PLANNING COMMISSION
May 31, 2012

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Commissioners Present: Todd Voth, Vicki Heimark, Nathan Nofziger, Charles Hepburn, Kevin Starcher, Todd Lengenfelder, Rick Penhallurick, Steve Schield, and Carly Griffith Hotvedt

Name	Jan	Feb	Mar			Apr		May		June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Molitor Hotvedt(5-31)	P	A	A	A	P	A			P							
Starcher	P	P	E	P	A	A	P	E	P	P						
Lengenfelder	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P						
Schild	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	A	P						
Heimark	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P						
Penhallurick	P	P	A	P	P	P	A	A	A	P						
Hepburn	P	P	P	A	P	A	P	P	P	P						
Nofziger	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P						
Voth	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P						

P - Present E = Excused A = Absent C = Canceled

Staff Present: Gilbert Alvarado, Anne Henning, Billie Jo Muñoz, Daniel Leavitt, and Sue Mahaney

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes: The minutes of the May 10 meeting were presented.

S L & A Preliminary Major Plat - Findings of Fact: The Findings of Fact for the S L & A Preliminary Major Plat were submitted.

Action Taken: Mr. Starcher moved that the Consent Agenda be approved, seconded by Mr. Hepburn, and passed unanimously.

FEATHER SIGNS

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, reported that the City is seeing the use of feather or tear drop signs within City right-of-way and that the City has no specific regulations for these type of signs. The Council has requested that the Planning Commission review these signs. He gave some background on the use of these type of signs. He mentioned that few jurisdictions regulate these type of signs because they are just now coming into use.

There was considerable discussion and some Commissioners liked them and some did not. The issue of the number per business and liability to the City were concerns that were raised.

Action Taken: Ms. Heimark moved that staff be directed to review the feather sign issue and bring a proposal to the Commission under the temporary sign ordinance for further review and discussion, seconded by Mr. Starcher, and passed with Mr. Schield opposed.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, stated that the Comprehensive Plan can be reviewed once per year. The City has received several requests for changes to the Comprehensive Plan and several chapters of the existing Comprehensive Plan need to be updated. He mentioned that public comments will be solicited and a time line will be established to complete the review. He mentioned that the Vision Statement from the Comprehensive Plan will be provided at the next meeting for the Commission to review. He pointed out that the Vision Statement will direct the Comprehensive Plan and the current one is 20 years old.

SUBDIVISIONS

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, stated that he is a member of the Land Use and Stewardship Committee for the Association of Washington Cities, and extending the time allowed for a final plat to be submitted was a priority along with amendments to SEPA.

PLANNING SHORT COURSE

Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, stated that the state will be hosting a Planning Short Course in Moses Lake in the near future. These seminars include a land use attorney, a state employee, and a planning staff member. The issues discussed will include Comprehensive Plan basics, the role of the Planning Commission, and the legal basis of planning in Washington State. The seminars are intended for smaller jurisdictions and new Planning Commission members.

FENCE REGULATIONS

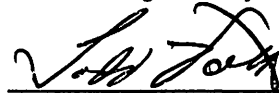
Gilbert Alvarado, Community Development Director, stated that staff is reviewing the fencing regulations due to a request from a corner lot property owner for a 6' high fence in the rear yard.

SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM

Anne Henning, Senior Planner, stated that she reviewed the Sammamish Shoreline Master Program and provided a summary to the Commission. She went over some of the differences between the Sammamish area and Moses Lake relating to dock construction and setbacks. New updated pages were provided to the Commission for their Shoreline Master Program books.

A study session was set for June 28 after the regular Planning Commission meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



Todd Voth, Planning Commission Chairman