

MINUTES

Members Present: Chair Butler; Commissioners Chroust-Masin, Drabkin, Hall, Hillestad, Morgan, Stassens, Thomas, Tiedge

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Mr. Pomeroy, Ms. Haines, Ms. Kindel

1. Approval of Minutes: January 16, 2014

Vice Chair Stassens called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m., and requested action on the Planning Commission minutes from the January 16, 2014, meeting. Commissioner Drabkin MOVED to APPROVE the minutes as presented; SECONDED by Commissioner Morgan. Motion PASSED unanimously by those Commissioners present.

2. Informational Item

Vice Chair Stassens recognized Jerry Eichten, and invited him to address the Planning Commission.

Jerry Eichten, Executive Director of McMinnville Community Media, explained that they operated the cable television channel through a contract with the City of McMinnville. He drew attention to newly installed camera equipment on the walls of the hearing room, and said they would be testing the equipment during the meeting. He noted that the meeting would not be televised, and had nothing to do with the meeting or any agenda items; it was simply an opportunity to evaluate how well the system worked with the existing audio system and changes in lighting as the sun went down. He asked the Commissioners to assist them by remembering to turn on their microphones and pull them a little closer, if they spoke.

3. Public Hearing (Quasi Judicial)

◆ Docket CU 1-14

Request: Approval of a conditional use permit to allow for the operation of a vacation home rental business within an existing residence.

Location: 317 NE 9th Street, and more specifically described as Tax Lot 4700, Section 21BB, T. 4 S., R. 4 W., W.M.

Applicant: Jerod Harney

Chair Butler arrived at 6:40 p.m., and took his place at the dais. He opened the public hearing at 6:43 p.m. and called for disclosures, abstentions, or objections to jurisdiction. There were none from the Planning Commissioners that were present, and Chair Butler called for the staff report.

Mr. Pomeroy said the application was for a conditional use permit to operate a vacation home rental in an existing residence, and in staff's opinion, clearly met all the requirements for approval. He said that staff recommended approval of the application, subject to one condition of approval related to the transient lodging tax program.

Chair Butler called for the applicant's testimony.

Jerod Harney, 317 NE 9th Street, said he agreed with the staff report and the condition of approval, and asked that the Commissioners approve the application. He explained that he and his wife and two children lived at the subject site, but planned to visit family in Iowa for a few months during the summer. Mr. Harney said that they only wanted to offer their home as a vacation rental while they were gone; and, therefore, did not intend for the use to be a full-time venture.

There was no proponent or opponent testimony.

Mr. Pomeroy provided an explanation of the transient lodging tax program in response to questions from Commissioners, and stated that all public agency comments had been included in the staff report.

The applicant waived the seven-day period time period allowed for submission of final written arguments in support of the application, and Chair Butler closed the public hearing at 6:52 p.m.

The Commissioners were in general approval of the request, and Commissioner Hall MOVED, based on the findings of fact, the conclusionary findings for approval, and the material submitted by the applicant, to APPROVE CU 1-14, subject to the condition of approval recommended by staff; SECONDED by Commissioner Chroust-Masin. Motion PASSED unanimously.

4. Adjournment

Commissioner HALL moved to ADJOURN the meeting; SECONDED by Commissioner Stassens. Motion PASSED unanimously, and Chair Butler adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Doug Montgomery
Secretary