

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

March 24, 2016

The Ephrata Planning Commission, Grant County, Washington met on March 24, 2016. The meeting was called to order in council chambers at 7:00p.m. by Chairman Joe Dennis.

Members present: Chairman Joe Dennis, members, Tom Moncrief, Don Guillemette, David Spencer, and Jo Maedke excused absence.

Staff present: Ron Sell, Community Development Director; Anna Franz, City Attorney; Stacy Hooper, Secretary; and Bill Sangster, Public Works Director excused absence.

Approval of Commission Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of March 10, 2016 entertained by **Joe Dennis**, Motion made **Don Guillemette**, Motion Second by **Dave Spencer**, motion carried.

Additions and/or revisions to Published Agenda: After meeting is adjourned **Ron Sell** will hand out Chrome Notebooks to Planning Commission members.

Ordinance No. 2016- Ordinance to adopt Ephrata Municipal Code Chapter 19.17 Entitled “Marijuana Regulation”: **Joe Dennis** asks how this differs from what has already been done. **Ron Sell** explains this version takes into account Medical Marijuana and Recreational Marijuana.

Joe Dennis asks if this Ordinance or Chapter is the same as State Law. **Anna Franz** explains, **Discussion Ensues**. The Chapter incorporates the State Regulations as City Regulations, making it easier for the City to enforce the regulations.

Joe Dennis questions Medical Marijuana Collective Gardens and Medical Marijuana Cooperatives. **Ann Franz** explains, **Discussion Ensues**.

Ron Sell adds that with the setback and buffer distances, there are not many places in Ephrata that growers and retailers can locate.

Discussion: Differences between Medical Marijuana and Recreational Marijuana.

Anna Franz discusses Revenue and Prohibition, **Discussion Ensues**.

Don Guillemette asks: Who measures distances to decide what is inside or outside of a buffer or setback and does “childcare facility” include in-home daycares?

Anna Franz explains the guideline for measuring distances and what is considered “childcare facility”. **Discussion Ensues**.

Don Guillemette questions what happens if a childcare facility moves inside the **buffer**, would the retailer have to move. What if the retailer wants to sell the business, expand the building, or expand the property? **Anna Franz** explains, **Discussion Ensues**.

Anna Franz and Ron Sell discuss differences between zoning and building codes.

Joe Dennis asks if we vote, or what the next step would be. **Anna Franz**, there will be a companion ordinance to this one, the new chapter will be referenced in other Chapters.

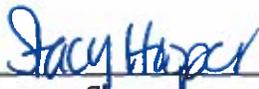
Dave Spencer state he likes how the measurement requirement is spelled out leaving no room for misunderstanding. **Discussion ensues.**

Next meeting April 14, 2016.

Joe Dennis Adjourns meeting at 7:20 pm.



Joe Dennis, Planning Commission Chairman

Attest: 

Stacy Hooper, Secretary