

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

July 13, 2017

The Ephrata Planning Commission, Grant County, Washington met on July 13, 2017. The meeting was called to order in council chambers at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Joe Dennis.

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

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

Approval of Commission Minutes: Joe Dennis entertains motion to approve Minutes of June 22, 2017 Planning Commission Meeting. Don Guillemette Motion carried.

Correspondence: Nothing added

Resolution 17-003: Motion to approve was done at last meeting. This resolution will be forwarded to the council. Tom Moncrief recalls that the issue has been going on for some time. The project was proposed around 2007. Typically, at 5 years the time expires and then they can ask for an extension. In 2008 at the downturn, legislature changed the time frame to 10 years. This year is the tenth year.

The reason for this plat proposal is because the projects have gotten off the ground. They will have 5 years to complete this phase once the resolution is adopted by council.

In this case, the bank couldn't finance the project. This issue wasn't due to the City hindering the project.

Motion to approve Ordinance 17-003 motion to approve Joe Dennis/ 2nd Tom Moncrief , Motion carried.

David states he does not need to wait for the city insurance to make a determination. David will bring all his correspondence to the next meeting. He will be prepared to make a motion at the next meeting. He's done a lot of research and he is ready. He will bring correspondence, but only hand out the paper AFTER he has said what he wants to say.

Anna asked what this is about, regulations or sprinklers.

Regarding Kooy's specific situation? No. Commission was only charged to review regulations and how to allow that kind of housing.

David wants to present facts relating to Justin's specific situation and not the regulations to allow airbnb.

Anna states The planning commission does not have the authority to interpret the building code and whether sprinklers are required. It is, however, the function of the planning commission to review the zoning code amendments that would allow short term vacation rentals such as AirBNB.

David says he has sat in the crowd and been fed improper information.

Jo intercedes. She clarifies what is being stated between the two, Anna and David. Anna clarifies, it would be better for everyone's time if David presented the information to staff so they can prepare it and add to the agenda. David understands. David will bring information to Ron.

Joe Dennis Adjourns meeting at 7:08 pm.

Joe Dennis, Planning Commission Chairman

Attest: _____
Carrie Lnenicka
, Secretary