



CITY OF EAGLE POINT

"Gateway to the Lakes"

OREGON

EAGLE POINT PLANNING COMMISSION

17 BUCHANAN AVENUE SOUTH, EAGLE POINT, OREGON

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 19, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Chairman Collins called the regular meeting of the Eagle Point Planning Commission to order at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Suzi Collins, Sharon Coupe, Diane Mihocko and Bernard Grossman.

Commissioners Absent: Kevin Walruff and Steve Hunter.

Staff present: Henry Lawrence, City Administrator; Mike Upston, Principal Planner and Sara Miller, Planning Aide.

2. FLAG SALUTE.

Chairman Collins led the flag salute.

3. AUDIENCE QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS (Items not on the agenda).

There were no questions or comments from audience members.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

- 4.1 PA#12-04. A public hearing to accept testimony and consider the allowance of a freestanding sign adjacent to Highway 62 at a height which is taller than the maximum permitted outright by the Eagle point Zoning Ordinance. The property is located at 1332 South Shasta Ave., Assessor's Map 361W10BB Tax Lot 400.

Applicant/Owner: Providence Medical Group

Agent: Landon Marsh, Pathway Design

Chairman Collins announced the public hearing and read the opening script outlining the city's compliance with ORS 197.763. She asked if any audience members feel that the Planning Commission does not have the right to make a decision on the matter and there were no comments. There were no conflicts of interest or ex parte contacts declared by commission members. Chairman Collins, Vice-Chairman Coupe and Commissioner Grossman visited the site, no comments were noted.

Mike Upston reviewed the history of the application and presented the staff report. He entered into the record an email received from adjoining property owner Dr. Thaddeus Gala, noting that he is fine with the staff recommendations for height of the proposed sign as long as there is full visibility of his Complete Care Chiropractic sign. Mr. Upston also entered into the record written comments received from Milicent Wewerka expressing her concern over the application and the precedent that could be set for sign clutter at the location. Mr. Upston explained that the code only allows one free standing sign per parcel, but the entire development does have six parcels which could potentially each have their own freestanding sign in addition to a Creekside Center sign. He showed a PowerPoint presentation of the site and adjoining properties. The presentation reviewed several different options that the commission could condition, including a 16 foot pole sign and a smaller monument sign similar to adjoining property signage.

Landon Marsh, Pathway Design, 8890 SW Laurel Leaf Terrace, Portland, Oregon approached the commission on behalf of the applicant. He explained that the applicant had initially requested an 18 foot sign, and after discussion with staff agreed that a 16 foot sign would be appropriate for the site. Mr. Marsh showed conceptual drawings of the proposed sign and discussed the need for a taller pole sign rather than a monument sign along the highway given the higher speed of vehicles. He went on to give the history of Providence Medical Group in the Upper Rogue and noted that they will be expanding services into the entire building to better serve community needs. Mr. Marsh reiterated that the applicant feels that the 16 foot pole sign is simple and adequately demonstrates the location of Providence services.

Michael Robinson, 1120 NW Couch St, Portland, Oregon approached the commission and announced that he is the attorney representing Providence Medical Group. He referenced the staff report and approval criteria outlined in the code and reiterated that the application meets the criteria for additional height allowance. He emphasized that a 16 foot pole sign makes the best sense to serve the community and be a good neighbor to Complete Care Chiropractic. Mr. Robinson noted that the wall signs for existing tenants would be removed and there would only be one wall sign for Providence. Mr. Robinson mentioned the letter from Ms. Wewerka and emphasized that there would not be additional freestanding signs for the building.

There was discussion among the commissioners regarding the sign options as portrayed in the PowerPoint presentation and the applicant conceptual drawings. Vice-Chairman Coupe asked if there were plans for a Creekside Center sign. Mr. Upston explained that each parcel along the highway could potentially have a freestanding highway oriented sign, in addition to a center sign.

Mr. Robinson noted that the applicant waives the right to a continuance.

There was no testimony either in favor of, or opposed to the proposal. There were no additional agency or staff comments.

Chairman Collins called for a motion to close the hearing. Commissioner Grossman moved that the hearing be closed. Vice-Chairman Coupe seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. Roll call: Suzi Collins, aye; Sharon Coupe, aye; Diane Mihocko, aye; Bernard Grossman, aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Collins called for a motion on the application. Vice-Chairman Coupe moved that the commission approve application PA#12-04 with the condition that the pole sign shall have a maximum height of 16 feet, and adopt the findings. Commissioner Grossman seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. Roll call: Suzi Collins, aye; Bernard Grossman, aye; Diane Mihocko, aye; Sharon Coupe, aye. The motion passed unanimously.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR.

5.1 Presentation of Regular Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2012.

Chairman Collins called for a motion on the Consent Calendar. Vice-Chairman Coupe moved that the Consent Calendar be approved. Commissioner Mihocko seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. Roll call: Sharon Coupe, aye; Suzi Collins, aye; Diane Mihocko, aye; Bernard Grossman, aye. The motion passed unanimously.

6. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR.

There were no items removed from the Consent Calendar.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

There was no unfinished business brought before the commission.

8. NEW BUSINESS.

There was no new business brought before the commission.

9. REPORTS FROM PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS.

Vice-Chairman Coupe reported that Harnish Wayside Visitor Center is now open seven days a week, and she has personally spoken with two couples visiting the center looking to relocate. She was able to provide them with relocation information and she feels that the new hours are very beneficial for Eagle Point. She is working on creating a driving tour map of the city to be featured at the Visitor Center.

Chairman Collins reported that the Harnish Wayside Visitor signs are beautiful and very helpful. Mr. Upston noted that Richard Gyuro, Chamber of Commerce President, came to him with two possible designs. Mr. Upston noted that he is also in talks with Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to obtain approval for signage on Highway 62.

10. REPORTS FROM STAFF.

There were no reports from staff.

11. INFORMATION.

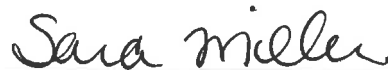
11.1 Special Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2012 – Joint Workshop with City Council and Planning Commission.

12. ADJOURNMENT.

Chairman Collins announced that the next meeting of the Planning Commission will be held July 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

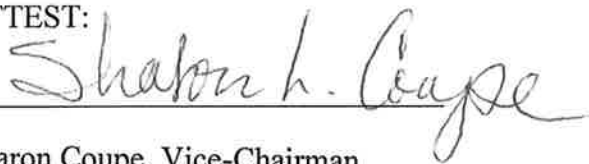
There was no other business to come before the Planning Commission and Chairman Collins adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara Miller, Planning Aide

ATTEST:



Sharon Coupe, Vice-Chairman