



PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING

NOVEMBER 10, 2015

7:00PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Cruger called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. FLAG SALUTE:

Commissioner Cruger led the Planning Commission, Staff and Audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. ROLL CALL:

Planning Commission
Commissioner Frederick Cruger – Present
Commissioner Chris Marsh – Present
Commissioner Scott Morrison – Present
Commissioner Ron Stephenson - Absent
Commissioner Kevin Harrison - Present

City Staff
City Clerk Darla Reese

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2015

Commissioner Marsh moved to approve the Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2015. Motion seconded by Commissioner Harrison and passed 4-0.

*Commissioner Marsh – Aye, Commissioner Cruger – Aye, Commissioner Harrison – Aye,
Commissioner Morrison – Aye*

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS – NON ACTION ITEMS

No one chose to comment during this portion of the meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS (None)

7. CURRENT BUSINESS

**A. 2016 Annual Docket: ZCA2016-001 Sign Code Update
Continued Discussion**

The Planning Commission reviewed Consultant Sturtz's Staff Report and Attachment A. The following are their suggested changes:

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- (4) Signs, Other, Such as Would Identify a Residence or State a ~~Point Political Opinion or of~~ View. Shall not include signs otherwise referenced in this section, and shall not include off-premise commercial advertising, home occupation or signs otherwise regulated or exempt from this section.
- (a) Size. Shall not exceed ~~12~~ four square feet in area per each face (maximum of two faces).

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- (1) ~~Residential uses~~ Signs on residential properties in the GC, IR, LI and HI zoning districts shall follow the residential criteria Section (D).

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- (1) ~~Residential uses~~ Signs on residential properties in the Central Business District shall follow the residential criteria Section (D).
- (10)(a) The sidewalks and corners at the intersection of Stanley Street and Granite Avenue shall remain clear of all signs with the exception of same day event nonprofit organizational directional sandwich boards or signs as approved by the City's Designated Official (see temporary signs).

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- ~~(H) Master Sign Site Plan. This section shall govern master sign site plans in the CBD, GC, IR, LI and HI zoning districts and is not applicable to residential uses. Signs posted under the authority of this subsection shall not be considered in violation of the off-premise section; provided, that any such sign satisfies all other applicable requirements of this section. = Delete all of section (H) and (1-7)~~

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- (J)(1) Residential ~~uses~~ users are not allowed projecting signs, including those operating with a home occupation business license.
- (K) Suspended Signs. This subsection shall govern suspended signage as described in CBD, GC, IR, LI and HI zoning districts.
 - ~~(1) Residential uses are allowed one suspended sign, including those operating with a home occupation business license, not to exceed four square feet.~~
 - ~~(2) Size. Shall not exceed 10 square feet in surface area.~~
 - (1) Size. Shall not exceed 10 square feet in surface area.
 - ~~(2) Residential users are allowed one for suspended signs, including those operating with a home occupation business license, not to exceed four square feet refer to residential signage Section (D).~~
- (L)(1) Residential ~~uses~~ users are not allowed window signs for commercial purposes, including those operating with a home occupation business license.
- Change all residential subsections in each zone to state: Signs on residential properties shall follow the residential criteria Section (D).

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- (3) Real Estate Signs – Commission to look at this section further at the next meeting.

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- **Commissioner Cruger** to type up his thoughts and send to City Clerk Reese to share with the rest of the Commission members.

8. REPORTS:

A. Staff Reports

No staff reports.

B. Homework Assignments

None.

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

Commissioner Marsh discussed his attendance at the Stille Valley Recreational Roundtable last Friday. Upcoming is a two day meeting where the public can discuss the new downhill mountain bike course going in below the lookout tower. He further mentioned that Darrington is still pushing towards getting the last 14 miles paved of the Mountain Loop Highway.

Commissioner Cruger mentioned his discussion with several of the County Councilmen regarding the closure of Gold Basin and how it is hurting tourism.

Commissioner Marsh mentioned he heard an update on this from Peter Forbes, and they are working on funding to getting Gold Basin fixed.

Commissioner Cruger talked about public phone lines to be inserted in Silverton. He mentioned he spoke with Susan DelBenne several times about the tourism lost when the biggest camp ground on the Loop is closed.

Commissioner Marsh replied that DelBenne has told him to write to the Congressmen to get help. He also mentioned both the Stillaguamish and Sauk-Suiattle Tribes are involved and are very helpful and interested in tourism. He further mentioned there are three bridges left to get the Whitehorse Trail done.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Cruger adjourned the meeting.