



Planning Commission Meeting

February 23, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: President Randy Cranston, President, called the Sublimity Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:04PM. Other members present; Fed Dobler, Steve Janiszewski and Jim Crowther, Others present: Carrie Corcoran, City Recorder; Alan Frost, Public Works Director, Bob Brundage, City Councilor and Suzanne Dufner, Planner with the Council of Governments. Absent: Gary Frank. There were 9 audience members. A quorum was established and the pledge of allegiance was said.

Public Hearing – VAR 09-01: A variance to allow a free-standing changing copy sign within the vision clearance area on the corner of NW Starr & Center Street.

- Randy Cranston opened the public hearing. He then disclosed that he had a short conversation with Harry (the store owner) concerning the application.
- Suzanne Dufner presented and gave a brief overview of the staff report. She also noted that the applicant had also requested having the Texaco logo on the canopy after the staff report was prepared.
- George Shamashian, account manager for Garrett Sign, 811 Arney St, Vancouver WA, asked about having just the pole meet the setbacks
- Fred Dobler asked what the distance from the pump station island and the pole and George said it was 14 feet.
- Randy asked him about whether the sign size was a pre-set or could be custom and George told him that it was pre-set
- Randy asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of, in opposition or would like to give general testimony on behalf of the application; no testimony given

The public portion of the hearing was then closed.

MOTION: Jim Crowther made a motion to approve VAR 09-01 and changeable copy sign request adopting the findings found in the staff report and subject to the conditions of approval listed in the staff report; Fred Dobler seconded the motion; unanimously approved.

Randy Cranston closed the hearing.

Public Hearing – Partition 09-01: A request to divide a 0.55 acre (23,887 sq feet) parcel into two (2) parcels. Parcel 1 would contain approximately 10,502 sq ft & Parcel 2 would contain approximately 10,297 sq ft.

- Randy Cranston opened the public hearing.
- Jim Crowther disclosed that he has a brother who owns property near the subject property but that it will have no bearing on his decision.
- Suzanne Dufner presented and gave a brief overview of the staff report.
- Randy stated that he was concerned that the engineer was involved at this early stage of the application and Suzanne said that it is important to have the engineer involved due to the fact that the applicant will know what is expected of him prior to moving forward with the project.
- Karl Goertzen – GoertzENgineering, 4753 Fir Dell Dr SE, Salem, a representative for Ron & Donna Hendrick (applicants) presented a statement from the applicant stating that they agreed to comply with all of the requirements except to upgrade the streets and

additional 500 feet and add fire hydrants as this would be too costly. The applicant requested the following changes – Requirements number 9, 10 and 12 be revised to allow them to sign a letter of remonstrance.

- A discussion occurred concerning street requirements and upgrades.
- Randy asked if there was anyone who would like to speak in favor of, in opposition or would like to give general testimony on behalf of the application; no testimony given.

The public portion of the hearing was then closed.

A discussion occurred concerning improvements; Randy re-opened the public portion.

Karl Goertzen presented a preliminary cost that came in at \$70,000 – not including sewer service – for improvements.

The public portion of the hearing was then closed.

Staff recommended that improvements not be deferred. Alan Frost stated that fire/water improvements should not be deferred either.

A brief recess was taken from 8:35 to 8:43

The discussion continued concerning improvements and the Planning Commission decided to continue the hearing until they had more information concerning the participation of the surrounding homeowners for the improvements.

Randy re-opened the hearing; he then asked the applicant if they were okay with waiting until the March meeting for a decision and the applicant agreed.

MOTION: Jim Crowther made a motion to continue the hearing until the March Planning Commission meeting; Steve Janiszewski seconded the motion; unanimously approved.

MINUTES:

MOTION: Fred Dobler made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2009 meeting; Steve Janiszewski seconded the motion; unanimously approved.

Suzanne informed the Planning Commission that she had drafted a survey for the Economic Opportunities Analysis to go out in the city newsletter

Meeting was adjourned: 9:08PM.