

MINUTES

Clallam County Planning Commission

Meeting of February 15, 2023, 6:00 PM

- A. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
- C. ROLL CALL: Members present were Chair Steve Gale, Jeff Carter, Tom Butler, Ken Reandeau, Robert Miller, and Jane Hielman. Donella Clark, Principal Planner, Greg Ballard, Senior Planner, and Bruce Emery, Director, represented staff from the Department of Community Development.
- D. WELCOME: Chair Gale welcomed all in attendance.
- E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 1, 2022
- F. ANNOUNCEMENTS: There have been no applicants for the vacant District 2 Planning Commissioner seat.
- G. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Steve Workman commented that short term rentals are reaching a crisis proportion; servers at burger joints are living in their cars. Feels that the signs between Port Angeles and Sequim are starting to make it feel like a carnival. Wondered who decides what signs qualify as non-conforming and who would know what signs were around in the 2000's. Asked if the "tube men" type sign is considered inflatable and would be prohibited. Brought up enforcement issues of signs that clearly do not meet the code and wondered how these are dealt with. Asked if the sign ordinance would be available to the public before the March 1st hearing.

Staff commented there was a sign inventory prior to the adoption of the code in 2000 which is available at the DCD office for reference when determining non-conforming signs. Tube Men are inflatable signs and are prohibited under the current code and the proposed codes. As discussed previously enforcement of signs has been a low priority because of the lack of staff. The sign ordinance has been posted on the County website in the News Flash section.
- H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Discussion and Vote (6-0) to approve amendment to the Bylaws adding a section "Good of the Order" to future agendas.
- I. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM: None
- J. WORK SESSION ITEMS: Staff presented the proposed landscaping ordinance. Don Crawford of the County Parks, Fair, and Facilities offered information regarding plant sizes and species and some perspective on someone regulated by ordinances. Suggestions were made to the ordinance regarding plant species, dark skies, the added "climate change" sentence in the purpose, corner lots, the proposed table, bonds. Staff will bring the ordinance back with suggested changes.
- K. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None.
- L. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at ___7:35___ p.m.