

CROOK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

December 8, 2021

Meeting minutes are not a complete representation of discussions at the meeting. An audio recording is available from Crook County Community Development at plan@co.crook.or.us or (541) 447-3211.

Crook County Planning Commission Chair, Mike Warren called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. The meeting was conducted by WebEx (a call-in service) and in-person at the Crook County meeting room. Commissioners attending the meeting in person were Chair Mike Warren, Vice Chair Gary Bedortha, Susan Hermreck, Laquita Stec, and Commissioner Pro Tem Lawrence Weberg. The following County staff was present at the meeting: Community Development Director, Will Van Vactor; Planning Manager, Brent Bybee; Planner, Katie McDonald and Senior Permit Tech, Hannah Elliott. Planning Permit Tech, Jennifer Orozco participated via WebEx.

Excused Absences

George Ponte
Bob Lundquist

Parties in Attendance:

See sign in sheet

Participating via phone WebEx:

See sign in sheet

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- **Final Plat Review of Grandridge Phase 2**

Van Vactor stated that the final plat had not been received from the applicant for the Planning Commission to review.

Chair Warren went to the next agenda item.

MINUTES

- **August 25, 2021**

Chair Warren had a correction on page 7 for something he had stated in the previous hearing. Instead of saying “they” it should state “the applicant”. McDonald acknowledged the correction.

Commissioner Hermreck made a motion to accept the minutes from August 25, as corrected. Commissioner Stec seconded the motion.

Chair Warren - Aye
Vice Chair Bedortha - Aye
Commissioner Hermreck – Aye
Commissioner Stec – Aye
Commissioner Pro Tem Weberg – Abstain

The motion passed 4-0-1

- **October 27, 2021**

Elliott stated that she received an email from Commissioner Ponte with a correction, stating that he attended that meeting in person that night and not on WebEx.

Commissioner Hermreck moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Stec seconded the motion.

Chair Warren - Aye
Vice Chair Bedortha - Abstain
Commissioner Hermreck – Aye
Commissioner Stec – Aye
Commissioner Pro Tem Weberg – Aye

The motion passed 4-0-1

PUBLIC HEARING

- **Continuation for deliberations only of Conditional Use Request, record number 217-21-000573-PLNG, Robert Vanier Jr. and Lani Vanier (owners/applicants)** – Conditional use approval for aggregate mining operations on the property. The property is identified as Township 14 South, Range 15 East, WM, Section 14, tax lot 103. The property is zoned Exclusive Farm Use – Prineville Valley and Lone Pine Areas (EFU-2) and is located at the corner of Stahancyk Lane and Lamonta Road.

Chair Warren stated that the conditional use permit request 217-21-000573-PLNG was previously heard by the Planning Commission on July 28, 2021, August 27, 2021, and was continued at the September 22, 2021, then to October 27, then to this hearing for deliberation only. File no. 217-21-00537-PLNG was heard initially along with a request to amend the Crook County Comprehensive Plan, File No. 217-21-000436-PLNG to add the subject property to the County's inventory of significant aggregate sites.

Chair Warren then stated that at the September 22, 2021, hearing, the Planning Commission made a recommendation to the County Court on File No. 217-21-000436-PLNG (the comprehensive plan amendment) but upon staff's recommendation, continued the conditional use permit until this hearing, in the hope that the County Court would have made its final decision on the comprehensive plan before proceeding with the conditional use permit.

Chair Warren also stated that the County Court is still processing the comprehensive plan amendment, and therefore, staff is recommending that deliberations on the conditional use permit be continued again, to a date and time certain in the future, so that the County Court can take final action on the comprehensive plan amendment.

Chair Warren read the opening statements and asked the commissioners if they had any Ex Parte Contact, Conflict of Interest, Bias:

Chair Warren – no

Vice Chair Bedortha – no

Commissioner Hermreck – no

Commissioner Stec – no

Commissioner Pro Tem Weberg stated that he respectfully abstains since he was approached by members of the public after the meeting, influencing his bias.

The Chair then asked if any member of the public, including those participating by phone, wished to challenge any member of the Commission. No members of the public stated a challenge.

Chair Warren then polled the Commissioners to see if there were any questions regarding staff's recommendation for the continuation:

Commissioner Hermreck asked what date the meeting would be rescheduled scheduled.

Van Vactor responded stating that the continuation is scheduled for January 12, 2022, so long as there are no delays. He goes on to state that he has concerns the County Court will not have a decision by that date, and recommended canceling the deliberations for January 12, and instead hold the hearing on January 19, 2022.

Chair Warren stated that he would not be available for January 19. There was further discussion amongst the commissioners regarding availability.

Van Vactor gave a couple options, and the commissioners felt comfortable with moving the deliberations to January 19.

Commissioner Hermreck made a motion to continue 217-21-000573-PLNG Conditional Use Permit to January 19, 2022, at 4:00pm. Commissioner Stec seconded the motion.

Chair Warren – Aye

Vice Chair Bedortha – Aye

Commissioner Hermreck – Aye

Commissioner Stec – Aye

Commissioner Pro Tem Weberg - Aye

The motion passes 5-0-0

Commissioner Hermreck moved to adjourn the public hearing. Commissioner Stec seconded. No discussion. All voted in favor (motion passes 5-0-0).

The Planning Commission then moved into a work session, the audio recording will serve as the record for that portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Hermreck moved to adjourn. Commissioner Stec seconded. No discussion. All voted in favor (motion passes 5-0-0).