



City of Yachats

YACHATS PLANNING COMMISSION

September 17, 2019

Work Session Draft Minutes

Vice-Chair Lance Bloch called the September 17, 2019 work session of the Yachats Planning Commission to order at 2:00 pm in the Room 1 of the Yachats Commons. Members present: Doug Conner, Helen Anderson, Lance Bloch, Jacqueline Danos, Christine Orchard, and Loren Dickinson. Absent: Mary Ellen O'Shaughnessey. Staff Present: City Planner Dave Mattison. Audience: 2.

I. Lighting Flier

Commissioner Bloch recalled this flier was intended to go into the October and November Newsletters. Commission Orchard suggested the language under Trespass Lighting was unclear. The Commission agreed to: "Light Trespass is light that is distributed onto areas where illumination is unwanted, including outdoor lights that illuminate areas inside the home of proximal properties."

II. Accessible Parking

Commissioner Anderson explained she included this information in the packet as they Commission would be addressing parking on the Hetzler properties at the next meeting. Bloch clarified the columns represented the total number of parking spaces, the minimum number of accessible spaces, and the minimum number of van accessible spaces. Anderson noted the van accessible space was included in the minimum accessible spaces, not in addition to. Mattison indicated he would find a more readable chart.

III. Lighting Ordinance Discussion

Bloch referred to the handout on Questions for Public Meeting. Bloch suggested this information could be distributed as a handout at the public meeting. Anderson suggested the Commission could have a public meeting in early November, and the basic questions could be in the newsletter while the more detailed information could be part of a handout at the meeting.

Commissioner Danos asked for a review of how the public discussion of the sign code was conducted. Anderson reviewed the process with handouts, power point, and questions posed to the audience. Commissioner Conner clarified that the audience did not complete a survey. Commissioner Dickinson clarified that the information was not available to residents before the meeting. Danos suggested using the website to present the information as well.

1 Anderson stated she did not believe they should regulate things that the public did not see as a
2 problem. Dickinson believed the examples would be helpful to those not familiar with language
3 around language.

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5 Danos suggested changing the times in the example for a curfew and the Commission decided to
6 remove that example statement.

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8 Danos noted that wattage does not address actual light output but more energy consumed. Bloch
9 and Dickinson noted this question was actually addressing two issues: energy conservation and
10 brightness. The Commission agreed to remove the lines about minimums in Question 7. Orchard
11 asked if it was important for the City to address conservation through regulations.

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13 The Commission agreed to add an additional question: Should the City establish standards for
14 the different types of lighting? e.g., LED, CFL, incandescent, halogen, sodium-vapor

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16 Conner asked to include a question about lighting directed in the marine zone. The Commission
17 agreed to add another question: Should the City regulate lights directed into the marine zone?

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19 Steve Davies (audience) suggested being clearer on what was meant by shielding.

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21 Anderson indicated Commissioners could add questions at the next meeting.

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23 Conner suggested adding a diagram for BUG lighting (backlight, uplight, and glare). Mattison
24 suggested the examples of noncompliant and good lighting at the end of the Seaside ordinance.

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26 Mattison raised the issue of whether the lighting regulations should be part of Title 9 or Title 5.

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28 The Commission discussed what should be included for examples for each of the questions.
29 Mattison suggested stating "Definition of glare" instead of "Definition: Glare is."

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31 Orchard suggested defining glare as a "visual sensation" was strange. The Commission agreed
32 to change that line to, "light that causes a visual impairment or sensations."

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34 The Commission agreed to keep the language for light size and glare. Danos noted color rendition also
35 impacts the character of LED lighting.

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37 The Commission briefly discussed measurement of light and how enforcement could be accomplished.
38 Conner favored regulating the source rather than light away from the source. Conner, Bloch, and
39 Dickinson suggested having a limit on total lumens allowed for a given property. Commissioners agreed
40 this was a great question, but suggested it be addressed later in the process.

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42 Conner suggested noting what was the shielding was used for. The Commission agreed to use,
43 "Should the City set requirements for light shielding to help control trespass, glare, and sky glow?"

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45 Anderson indicated she would update the documents and get them back to Commissioners.

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47 Bloch adjourned the work session at 3:01 pm.

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Lance Bloch, Vice-Chair

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Minutes prepared by H H Anderson on September 26, 2019.