



City of Yachats

YACHATS PLANNING COMMISSION

October 22, 2019

Work Session Approved Minutes

Vice-Chair Lance Bloch called the October 22, 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, Mary Ellen O'Shaughnessey, and Loren Dickinson. Absent: Christine Orchard. Staff Present: City Planner Dave Mattison. Audience: 1.

I. Lighting Public Meeting Discussion

Commissioner Anderson stated she forwarded emails she has received regarding the questions published in the Newsletter.

Bloch clarified that the public meeting was not set as the November 19, 2019 Planning meetings.

The Commission decided to hold the Public Meeting on lighting at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 and would vote on that at the regular meeting.

Anderson stated she was handing out documents on lighting that Commissioner Danos had provided. Danos stressed the importance of protecting the marine environment along the coast.

Commissioners discussed the ways they could present the information, balancing the goal of educating the public and not wanting to imply the Commission held a particular position.

Commissioners discussed the pros and cons of:

- using a power point presentation
- having stations set up at various locations and staffed by a Commissioner
- having experts in to discuss particular topics
- whether to present pros and cons of a regulation or to simply let people raise their own
- asking business owners to present information in favor of their current practices

Anderson clarified that while technically the letters submitted were public records, she was not planning to distribute them. She indicated she would provide a public summary of comments submitted.

Commissioners agreed the main purpose of the meeting was to get input and not to promote any particular position.

1 Bloch noted that having a code enforcement officer will help with enforcement. Anderson stated
2 that Code Enforcement Officer Matt Phillips has been introducing himself to businesses and
3 learning the layout of the City. Planner Mattison stated it was helpful to have Phillips living in
4 the City.

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6 Bloch clarified that the meeting would be audio recorded and that Commissioners could each
7 take their own notes.

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9 Anderson raised the issue of coming into compliance for new regulations, noting that some
10 people have already asked this question to staff. She recalled that there would be a time to get
11 into compliance as part of the code. Mattison explained how requiring area of illumination in site
12 plans as part of a building application could work. Commissioner Dickinson asked for
13 clarification on what stipulations could be made by the Planner in a building review.

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15 Bloch stated that it would be difficult for the City to provide shielding as there were different
16 types of shielding required for different lights and locations, such as a light from a second story
17 versus lower to the ground. He noted the difference between Title 5 and Title 9 regulations.
18 Anderson asserted they should not address this difference at this time.

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20 Anderson stated that it was brought to her attention that there was a definition for the size of a
21 parking space in Section 9.04.030 for "Parking, Off-street." The Commission discussed the
22 meaning of "Required off-street parking spaces shall not be located in a required yard that abuts
23 a street." Dickinson provided a comprehensive explanation of the intent and ramifications of this
24 statement. Mattison added that the intent was to push parking to the side or rear. Commissioners
25 discussed this regulation and decided it could be left as is.

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27 Bloch adjourned the work session at 3:01 pm.
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Lance Bloch, Vice-Chair

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34 Minutes prepared by H H Anderson on November 10, 2019.
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