

Planning Commission Meeting/Public Hearing

Date: 1/5/23

Start Time: 7:00 p.m.

End Time: 8:45 p.m.

Location: 121 Cleveland, Asotin, WA

Chair: Gary Bourassa

V-Chair: Dan Bridges

Secretary: Anne Beste

TOPIC: Language Change to include "single family residence" has been amended by the Asotin City Council into AMC Chapter 18.44.030, C2 Zone, Permitted Conditional Uses. Kevin McKeirman is requesting a Conditional Use Permit using this language change to occupy 130 Second St as a private residence.

Call to Order by Chairperson: Gary Bourassa

Roll Call: Gary Bourassa, Dan Bridges, Elaine Greene, Mercia Neace, Anne Beste, Angela Nightingale

Others in Attendance: Kevin McKeirman - Applicant

Public Hearing Attendees: Elaine Nagle, Gail Moore-Pivoda, Ron Hostetler, Wes Vaughn, Mary McCollum, Leigh Zipse, Charlotte Tuttle, Steve Nash, Ryker McKeirman

Chairperson Gary Bourassa, briefly outlined the process for the Public Hearing for those present. Mr. McKeirman, in response to the City Council's amendment, again outlined his case for a Single Family Residence in the building located at 130 Main Street that is located in the Commercial zone for the City of Asotin.

Public Comment: Pertinent issues and concerns discussed by Board Members and residents present at the hearing were the potential reduction in commercial space due to an increase in residential space, and allowing a single family residence in this busy and congested area in a building that is not detached. Additionally, the presence of a residential building in the "downtown" area will detrimentally impact the city in applications for grants.

Commissioner Bourassa read several letters from local residents that were in favor of Mr. McKeirman's request. Also he also presented a petition signed by 40 residents who were not in favor.

After the Public Hearing portion of the meeting was concluded, the Planning Commission reviewed the public comments and discussion items for and against the proposal. This proposal for zoning language change to allow for single family residential space in the C2 zone has already been reviewed (September 15th) and it was denied by unanimous vote. The Planning Commission Findings of Fact was forwarded to the City Council for their further action, and they

overturned our recommendation. After a review of Municipal and State of Washington Codes, it was unanimous that Commissioner Bourassa should ask the Mayor to exercise his veto on the language change that was passed by the Council in accordance with RCW 35A.12.130.

In addition, regardless of any action by the Mayor, it was also unanimous that the Findings of Fact previously submitted to deny the language change proposal for Conditional Use be prepared for resubmission to the City Council. This will reiterate the Planning Commission's unanimous denial of Mr. McKeirman's proposal.

There was no unfinished business and no other petitions and communications from the audience.

New Business:

The election of officers was concluded as follows:

Planning Commission Chair: Mercia Nease
Planning Commission Vice Chair: Elaine Greene
Secretary: Anne Beste

Next Meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 8:35.

Gary Bourassa, Chair

Submitted, Anne Beste, Secretary