

**CITY OF SUTHERLIN
PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSHOP
CIVIC AUDITORIUM – 7:10 PM
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016**

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Flick, Patricia Klassen, Adam Sarnoski, Michelle Sumner and Floyd Van Sickle

COMMISSION MEMBERS EXCUSED: John Lusby

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: None

CITY STAFF: Vicki Luther, Community Development Director, Kristi Gilbert, Community Development Specialist and Lisa Hawley, City Planner

AUDIENCE: John Klassen

SIGN ORDINANCE WORKSHOP

Lisa Hawley, City Planner, stated that this workshop is to review the City's sign code standards in Section 3.7 of the Sutherlin Development Code. She indicated that the current code was adopted in October of 2008, which included new and revised sign standards. The new standards were very comprehensive and included new sign definitions; sign permit requirements and exceptions to the standards, signs that are prohibited, processes for abandoned signs and those signs declared a nuisance. The standards also included what types of signs are permitted in the Residential, Commercial and Industrial zones.

Based on the direction from City Council, City staff has had several meetings over the past few months to discuss possible revisions to the sign code to make it easier to regulate and enforce. As a result of those meetings, Hawley proposed some revisions for a modified version of the City's previous sign code. She then indicated that additional items that will still need to be considered are; reference to the clear vision area and a prohibition of signs in that area, height limit of signs, especially commercial zones, and determine whether Section 3.7.210 [Certain Signs Declared A Nuisance] is fully consistent with the City's nuisance ordinance and whether abatement provisions need to be amended or updated to provide consistency for any enforcement action through the Sutherlin Municipal Code.

Commissioner Klassen stated that the City needs some way to address and enforce abandoned signs or painted signs on the sides of buildings.

Lisa then reviewed the proposed code changes.

Commissioner Sarnoski expressed concerns regarding the tearing down or removing entire sign structures as they are very expensive. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Klassen discussed concerns with garage sale signs being put up and left. Commissioner Sarnoski suggested a garage sale board that would allow for garage sale postings to help eliminate the ground signs. Commissioner Flick stated that a garage sale sign should be removed at the end of the garage sale or the responsible party should get a fine for littering.

Commissioner Sarnoski expressed concerns with not allowing off-site advertising. There should be a review process that would allow for off-site advertising. Many of our local businesses have signs off the premise of the business.

Hawley indicated that the Commission will also need to review the height limits and size limitations.

Commissioner Van Sickle expressed concerns with the ODOT signs and their placements.

Hawley concluded the workshop by indicating that she would make some revisions/additions and bring back another draft to the Commission for their review at another workshop.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Gilbert

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APPROVED BY COMMISSION ON THE 16th **DAY OF** February, **2016.**

John Lusby

John Lusby, Commission Chair