

**CITY OF COOS BAY
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
Tuesday, June 9, 2015, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.
Coos Bay City Hall, 500 Central Avenue, Coos Bay**

ATTENDANCE

COMMISSIONERS: Chairman Phil Marler, Commissioners Jim Berg, Christine Coles, Katherine Flores, Jeff Marineau, Rex Miller and John Peery

STAFF: Eric Day, Director of Community Development
Tom Dixon, Planning Administrator

SIGNED-IN GUESTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Planning Commission minutes of May 12, 2015.

Commissioner Coles noted corrections on page 1 and 3 *"She asked if any Planning Commissioner had ex parte contract or conflict of interest to report"*. She also noted that on page 4 the final motion is missing the names of the Commissioners that made the motion and seconded the motion.

MOTION: Commissioner Coles – Approved the minutes of May 12, 2015 as revised.

SECOND: Commissioner Miller

VOTE: Unanimous

ABSTAIN: Chairman Marler, Commissioners Berg and Marineau

CCI/PUBLIC COMMENTS None

PUBLIC HEARING

ITEM A: Vacation #187-ZON15-017 – The Applicant is requesting to vacate a portion of Fir Avenue east of the North Front Street right-of-way. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the City Council.

Chairman Marler asked if there were any objections to the Planning Commission hearing the item on jurisdictional grounds. He asked if any Planning Commissioner had ex parte contact or conflict of interest to report.

Chairman Marler opened the public hearing.

Tom Dixon read the disclosure statement and outlined the applicant's request.

Frank Smoot, Director, Coos Historical Museum, outlined their plans for the future of the site and the need for the vacation area to help complete a pedestrian pathway.

Steve Greif, Coos County Historical Society Board Member, stated they have no plans to construct a building on the vacated area. Also the bank on that section of the bay has begun to erode, that they intend to shore up the area and preserve the area for pedestrian traffic.

Commissioner Berg asked why the City would restrict building on the vacation area. Mr. Grief stated because there is a public line in the area, an area to access the line is required. Mr. Day stated that the exact location of the line is unknown. He added that if the applicant completes a survey the easement area can be better defined.

Chairman Marler closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Commissioner Berg- Based on the adopted findings, conclusions and conditions, as supported by the applicant's submittal, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Attachment "A" recommend the City Council approve Vacation #187-ZON15-017 to vacate the portion of Fir Avenue east of the North Front Street right-of-way, subject to the following conditions:

1. *An access and utility easement for the entire vacated piece is required for an existing storm drain line that runs easterly across the southern limits of this property.*
2. *Permanent structures are prohibited in the vacated area.*

SECOND: Commissioner Marineau
VOTE: Unanimous

ADMINISTRATIVE

Director Day updated the Planning Commission on a \$400,000 EPA grant that the City received for Front Street.

ADJOURNMENT 6:32 p.m.

Phil Marler, Chairman
City of Coos Bay
Coos County, Oregon

ATTEST: _____
Debbie Erler, Planner
City of Coos Bay