

CROOK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
12/14/2022

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Crook County Planning Commission Chairperson Warren, called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. The meeting was conducted by WebEx (a call-in service) and in-person at Crook County Annex. Commissioners attending the meeting in person were Chair Mike Warren, Gary Bedortha, Laquita Stec, Susan Hermreck, Bob Lundquist, Les Williamson, and Commissioner Pro Tem Lawrence Weberg. Commissioner George Ponte attended via WebEx. The following County staff were present at the meeting: Community Development Director, Will Van Vactor; Planning Manager, Brent Bybee; and Senior Permit Tech Hannah Elliott; Planner, Katie McDonald; and Permit Tech, Jennifer Orozco.

Excused Absences

Un-Excused Absences

Parties in Attendance:

See sign in sheet

Participating via phone WebEx:

See sign in sheet

Minutes

- October 12, 2022

Commissioner Ponte asked for a clarification of the minutes.

Commissioner Hermreck made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected.

Commissioner Williamson seconded the motion.

- George Ponte – Aye
- Gary Bedortha - Abstain
- Susan Hermreck – Aye
- Laquita Stec - Abstain
- Les Williamson – Aye
- Bob Lundquist – Aye
- Lawrence Weberg - Abstain
- Mike Warren – Aye

The motion passed 5-0-3

Items Not on the Agenda

None

Items for Discussion

None

Interview of potential candidates for Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission asked questions of the potential candidates.

Ron Jackson

Calvin Walters
Stephen Brown

Staff reviewed the process for making a recommendation to County Court to appoint Planning Commission.

Planning Commission deliberated regarding process and candidates.

Commissioner Lundquist moved to recommend reappointment of Laquita Stec and Michael Warren and a recommendation of Calvin Walter to the Crook County Court.

Commissioner Williamson seconded the motion.

Further discussion among Commissioners

Chair called for the vote.

- George Ponte – No
- Gary Bedortha - Aye
- Susan Hermreck – No
- Laquita Stec - Aye
- Les Williamson – Aye
- Bob Lundquist – No
- Mike Warren –

Commissioner Lundquist moved to withdraw his motion.

Commissioner Hermreck seconded the motion to withdraw.

Chair Warren called for the vote.

- George Ponte – Aye
- Gary Bedortha - Aye
- Susan Hermreck – Aye
- Laquita Stec - Aye
- Les Williamson – Aye
- Bob Lundquist – Aye
- Mike Warren – Aye

Commissioner Hermreck made a motion to recommend reappointment for Mike Warren and Laquita Stec.

Commissioner Bedortha seconded the motion.

Chair called for the vote

- George Ponte – Aye
- Gary Bedortha - Aye
- Susan Hermreck – Aye
- Laquita Stec - Abstain
- Les Williamson – Aye
- Bob Lundquist – Aye
- Mike Warren – Abstain

Motion passed 5-0-2

Commissioner Lundquist moved to send Steve Brown's application to the County Court for appointment to the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Ponte seconded the motion.

Commissioners discussed the applicants.

Chair called for the vote

- George Ponte – Aye
- Gary Bedortha - No
- Susan Hermreck – No
- Laquita Stec - No
- Les Williamson – No
- Bob Lundquist – Aye
- Mike Warren – No

Motion fails 2-5-0

Commissioner Bedortha moved to recommend Calvin Walters to the Crook County Court for open position.
Commissioner Stec seconded the motion.

Chair called for the vote.

- George Ponte – No
- Gary Bedortha - Aye
- Susan Hermreck – Aye
- Laquita Stec - Aye
- Les Williamson – Aye
- Bob Lundquist – No
- Mike Warren – Aye

Motion passes 5-2-0

Chair Warren clarified next steps for the appointment process.

Public Hearing

- Record Number: 217-22-002171-PLNG, a hearing to consider staff proposed text amendments that would:
 - Bring zoning ordinances into compliance with current State statutes and regulations;
 - Provide clear and objective criteria within the zoning ordinance to provide for greater understanding of requirements;
 - Allow for local flexibility in interpreting code language;
 - Edit code language that is incorrect;
 - Delete references to outdated or removed sections

Chair Warren read the applicable criteria for review into the record.

Chair Warren asked if any Commissioner has any bias, prejudice, personal interest, or conflicts of interest to disclose?

- George Ponte – No
- Gary Bedortha - No
- Susan Hermreck – No
- Laquita Stec - No
- Les Williamson – No
- Bob Lundquist – No
- Mike Warren – No

Chair Warren asked if any Commissioner has had any Ex Parte Contact with the Appellant or any Member of the Public regarding this matter?

- George Ponte – No
- Gary Bedortha - No
- Susan Hermreck – No
- Laquita Stec - No
- Les Williamson – No
- Bob Lundquist – No
- Mike Warren – No

The Chair asked if any member of the public, including those participating by phone, wished to challenge any member of the Commission. No members of the public stated a challenge.

Brent Bybee, Planning Manager, provided a brief overview of the staff report with updates from the work-session.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions.

Staff responded.

Commissioner Bedortha moved to forward the recommendation of approval 217-22-002171-PLNG as stated to the Crook County Court. Ask staff to prepare the final recommendation and have the Chair sign outside of a meeting.

Commissioner Hermreck seconded the motion.

The Planning Commission entered deliberations.

No members of the public were present to provide any testimony.

Chair called for the vote.

- George Ponte – Aye
- Gary Bedortha - Aye
- Susan Hermreck – Aye
- Laquita Stec - Aye
- Les Williamson – Aye
- Bob Lundquist – Aye
- Mike Warren – Aye

Motion passes 7-0-0

Chair Warren asked for staff updates.

Staff provided Community Development updates and upcoming hearings.

Commissioner Stec moved to adjourn. Commissioner Williamson seconded.

- George Ponte – Aye
- Gary Bedortha - Aye
- Susan Hermreck – Aye
- Laquita Stec - Aye
- Les Williamson – Aye
- Bob Lundquist – Aye
- Lawrence Weberg - Aye
- Mike Warren – Aye

Adjourned 5:19