
City of Sherwood, Oregon
Planning Commission Minutes
April 12, 2011

Commission Members Present:

Commissioner Clifford
Commissioner Albert
Commissioner Griffin
Commissioner Walker
Commissioner Copfer

Staff:

Julia Hajduk, Planning Manager
Michelle Miller, Associate Planner
Zoe Monahan, Assistant Planner
Karen Brown, Recording Secretary

Commission Members Absent:

Commissioner Cary
Chair Allen

Council Liaison – Councilman Luman

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call – Commissioner Walker** called the meeting to order.
2. **Agenda Review** – consists of Consent Agenda from February 22, 2011, Council Liaison announcements, Staff announcements, Community Comments. The business meeting will be followed by a Work Session.
3. **Consent Agenda** – includes minutes from February 22, 2011. The Commission chose to wait for the next meeting when more Commissioners that had attended the February meeting would be present.
4. **City Council Comments** – Councilor Luman gave an update from the City Council which included reporting that due to budget constraints they have tabled the moving forward of a Skate Park in Sherwood at this time. He also conveyed that the Council recently recognized a group of Eagle Scouts for the excellent work they have done in the community and noted the appointments of the two new Planning Commissioners Copfer and Clifford
5. **Staff Announcements** – Julia’s announcements included:
 - Noting that Commissioner Copfer and Commissioner Clifford were appointed at the recent City Council meeting and that an upcoming Planning Commission work session will include some training and veteran Commissions’ sharing their insight and experience. The new Commissioners have received their Code books and Julia informed the other Commissioners that Supplement 11 is ready for their books. Julia also provided a new manual for all Commissioners providing an overview of the Planning process and Commission roles.
 - The Arbor Day celebration was planned for April 22, 2011 in an area behind Inkster Drive and everyone was invited to come and help plant trees.

- Volunteer recognition was scheduled for April 13 to thank all of the City Volunteers including Planning Commission members for their efforts.
- The Council had adopted most of the Phase II Code Clean-Up changes that the Commission had recommended; however they did suggest splitting the issues of Chickens and Amateur Radios out from the rest of the proposed changes as they would like more information on those two topics, but did not want to hold up the rest of the proposed changes.

6. Community Comments – Jeff Dorothy 21913 SW Sherwood Blvd, Sherwood OR introduced himself by saying that he and his wife have lived in Sherwood since 1988, have raised their children here and love the city. Mr. Dorothy is the Pastor of New Life Assembly of God here in Sherwood. His reason for testifying before the Commission is that their Church has been trying to find a large enough venue for them to meet on a regular basis for quite some time. The recent Adams Avenue project has taken a large portion of their property which would preclude them from any plans for building on their own site. They have been meeting at different schools in Sherwood since 2001 for their Sunday services to accommodate the number of people attending. They have been looking into the possibility of holding services in areas zoned Light Industrial. They have met with Heather and Julia to discuss the rules for that type of zoning, but feel the rules are still very confusing. They have located a building they feel would serve them quite well on Tualatin-Sherwood road, near DEQ. The owner of the building is agreeable to renting/leasing the space to the Church. It is his understanding though, that churches are not allowed in Light Industrial zoning. He is here to ask the Commission to consider the possibility of allowing their use in that location. He believes their organization provides benefits to the city including: their members cleaning up local parks, they have cleaned the Middle School parking lot and donated time to the school as well being a partner in “Hope Diner” a group of local churches that offers a meal to anyone that needs it Sunday evenings here in town as well as helping members in need during hard times.

He mentioned a couple other areas in town that are zoned Light Industrial that include businesses like bike shops, real estate agents, investment counselors and dog washes and wonders how those uses conform to Light Industrial and that a church would not. Another factor they have thought about is that a day care facility might be allowed in that zone and that churches make great day care facilities.

Julia further explained that she and Heather had met with Jeff Dorothy to discuss the zoning and that they are in the midst of the Code Clean-Up process and that they were encouraged to come and speak to the Commission. Heather has placed a call to Metro to see if there is even a chance that a church could be allowed in an industrial zone given Metro requirements limiting certain uses in industrial zones. She had not received a response at the time of the meeting.

7. Old Business – None

8. New Business – None

Commissioner Walker closed the business meeting and opened the work session.

End of minutes.