



**Planning Commission Minutes  
Willamette Activity Center Room 8  
April 18, 2017  
7:00 P.M.**

## **1.0      Open Meeting**                          7:05 P.M.

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## Commissioners

George Custer, Chairperson  
Bobbie Whitney  
Jackie Taylor  
Donald Reesman  
Stanley Barenboim  
Lynne Ofsthun

### Staff Present

Louis Gomez, City Administrator (absent)  
Rick Zylstra, Assistant to the CA, Community Services  
Coordinator  
Jackie Taylor, Assistant Planner

## **2.0 Citizen Input**

None

### **3.0 Consider Approval of Minutes**

**Motion:** Commissioner Taylor moved to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2017 Planning Commission meeting. Commissioner Whitney seconded the motion.

G. Custer (Aye), D. Reesman (Aye), B. Whitney (Aye), S. Barenboim (Aye), J. Taylor (Aye), L. Ofshutun (Aye). Motion carried 6-0

## 4.0 Action Items

**4.1 Sign Variance for Dillon Sanders at 48224 E 1<sup>st</sup> Street Map/Tax Lot 21-35-16-24  
06800**

- a) Conflicts of Interest/Ex parte Contacts
- b) Open Public Meeting – 7:01 P.M.
- c) Staff Report- Rick presented the staff report
- d) Statements in Favor-

Dillon Sanders 7618 SW Locust, Portland, Or 97223- He is the owner of Inbound, this is their 12<sup>th</sup> year here. They generally employ 80-100 people during the summer. They do need to be located easily for their employees.

The sign is highly visible with the Owl, he does not want to fight city hall, he is trying to work through the process, if it doesn't work out it won't kill him, but he hopes that it does. It is a nice sign, he is sorry he made it before he knew about the limitations and he thanked the Commissioners for their consideration.

Loren Hogue 48319 E 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Oakridge, Or- He is in favor of putting this sign up, it is a little over sized, but Inbound has been a great contributor to this town.

Dennis Patterson 47871 W 1<sup>st</sup> Street- The services Inbound provides is legendary and he says to give it to them.

- e) Statements in Opposition- None
- f) Statements in General- None
- g) Close Public Hearing- 7:08 P.M.
- h) Commission Discussion

Commissioner Custer said one of the favorable aspects is that they have a large building already, a tiny little building it would be too much, and it fits this size of a building.

Commissioner Taylor agreed, they need to be found easily. She asked Mr. Sanders if he has any signage on Highway 58?

Mr. Sanders said he has a piece of property where the old Chevrolet sign used to be and it is right before you get to the stop light on the Highway. He also has a sign where the tow truck company is at the end of town. They are on private property so ODOT was ok with them.

Commissioner Custer said whether or not they do the variance tonight, it only applies to this sign, but being in total compliance to the sign code he may want to dig into that to make sure he is in compliance.

- i) Finding of Fact- Commissioner Custer presented the Finding of Fact
- j) Commission Action

**Motion:** Commissioner Whitney moved that we grant the request for a variance from Dillon Sanders allowing him to install the sign of the Inbound Owl logo on the north side fronting East 1<sup>st</sup> Street of his building located at 48224 E 1<sup>st</sup> Street Oakridge Oregon 97463 Tax/Map Lot 21-35-16-24 06800. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion.

G. Custer (Aye), D. Reesman (Aye), L. Ofsthun (Aye), S. Barenboim (Aye), J. Taylor (Aye), B. Whitney (Aye). Motion carried 6-0

## 5.0 Discussion Items

### Sign Ordinance

Rick said this was on our goal list last year as well. One of the issues in question is the sign code is everywhere in the book and we want to combine it all into one chapter. What Rick did in this memo is anywhere you see sign regulations he highlighted them. They are in quite a few different articles.

Commissioner Custer asked what would be required to consolidate all the various sign language in to one ordinance.

Rick said Article 22 is the sign code and if we combine it all into that one section with each district having its own regulations in there.

Commissioner Custer said the Article 22 sign code is much more detailed.

Rick explained how the sign ordinance is written right now and how it is all over the place. We would like to have it all in one section of the zone code.

Commissioner Custer wanted to discuss electronic signs like the high school has, it seems like a lot of them are prohibited and he would like to see them discussed, we need to look into the future and get with the times.

Rick said this would be the time to discuss this.

Commissioner Custer asked Rick what does ODOT say about the reader board types, they are fine as long as they conform to the loomins and the changing of the sign?

Rick said he didn't ask about the changing eight times a day because they were going to follow that. He has seen other billboard signs that change more than eight times a day.

Commissioner Custer said we are going to see more and more particularly down along the highway businesses that are going to be wanting those.

Right now our code disallows them totally and we need some action on that.

Commissioner Whitney agrees, we need to evolve with the times.

Commissioner Ofsthun said it is in the code regarding not changing more than eight times a day on the animated signs, moving signs.

Rick will bring back a proposed sign code in Article 22.

Commissioner Custer would like to look at sandwich board signs, right now they are not allowed.

Rick said he will look into electronic signs, get ODOT's rules on animated signs, reference ODOT's minimums and set brightness standards and look into the schools sign and sandwich board signs. Rick will send examples to everybody.

Commissioner Custer would like to know what constitutes a window sign.

## **6.0      Announcements**

None

**Meeting Adjourned 8:01 P.M.**

**Signed:**

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**George Custer**                    **Chairman**                    **Date**

**Attest:**

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**Susan LaDuke**                    **City Recorder**                    **Date**