



**CITY OF MYRTLE POINT
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 30, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
Flora M. Laird Memorial Library Meeting Room
435 Fifth Street, Myrtle Point, OR**

Commissioners Attending:

Ann Rakosi, President

Karen Olsen, Vice President*

Tiffany Kremers*

Tim Groce

Kathy Lewis*

Commissioners Absent:

Tammy Allender

Others Attending:

Darin Nicholson, City Manager

(* Indicates remote attendance)

CALL TO ORDER

President Rakosi called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

President Rakosi called the roll and Planning Commissioners acknowledged their presence.

CONSENT ITEMS

A. Meeting Minutes – President Rakosi announced the minutes of the March 29, 2022 Planning Commission meeting. Commissioner Lewis noted two corrections needed. On Page 2 of the minutes, Paragraph 1, Line 9, the word “further” should be changed to “farther.” At the bottom of Page 2, under the heading “Petitions from the Audience” there was reference to President Rakosi who was not present at the meeting. Manager Nicholson noted the errors. Vice President Olsen moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Public Hearing – Variance Request – 430 Willow Street

President Rakosi opened the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m. regarding a request for a Variance to fence height standards at 430 Willow Street. She called on the City Manager for the Staff Report. Manager Nicholson explained the request and identified the various locations at which a Variance to fence height standards was required based on the plan submitted by the applicant. He indicated that he saw no problem approving a Variance for the portion of the fence along the Interior Side (westerly) property line or Rear (southerly) property line, but stated that a 6-foot-tall wooden fence along the Street-Side (easterly) property line is somewhat out of character with other properties in the vicinity. Manager Nicholson stated that the Planning Commission may approve or deny the Variance request, or may approve a modification to the Variance request upon agreement with the applicant.

President Rakosi asked if the Police Chief or Fire Chief had commented on the matter. Manager Nicholson stated that they had both indicated they had no objection to the Variance. President Rakosi then asked if there had been any comments from the public. Manager Nicholson said there were none. Having no members of the public nor the applicant present at the meeting, President Rakosi closed the Public Hearing at 7:14 p.m. and called for deliberation by the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission discussed the matter. Commissioner Groce stated that he had stopped by and looked at the site and noticed that there were already a couple of segments of 6-foot-tall wooden fencing along the southerly portion of the property line along the Willow Street side. He didn't think the existing 6-foot fence was a problem but didn't feel it should be extended the rest of the way along that side of the property. He talked about terminating the 6-foot-tall fence at or near the side door of the house facing Willow Street. Vice President Olsen indicated that she would like more information about why the applicants want to extend the 6-foot-tall fence along most of the length of the Willow Street side property line. Others agreed. VP Olsen also expressed that the Development Code is meaningless if a Variance is approved every time one is requested, particularly without justification. She indicated that she could understand if they wished to provide privacy for a back yard area. She also spoke about solar access limitations resulting from a tall fence.

Commissioner Groce moved to table the Variance Request at 430 Willow Street and continue discussion at the next Planning Commission meeting in order to allow the applicant to provide additional explanation for the need for the Variance or to amend the application. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

PETITIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

President Rakosi called for petitions from the audience. Manager Nicholson announced that he had received an application for a Conditional Use Permit and that there would need to be a Planning Commission meeting in September. He asked if the scheduled date of September 27, 2022 worked for everyone. President Rakosi indicated that she would not be able to attend and asked about moving the meeting to the previous week. Other Planning Commission members indicated that would work for them. The meeting was therefore scheduled for Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business for the Myrtle Point Planning Commission, President Rakosi adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

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_____ President Myrtle Point Planning Commission