

PLANNING COMMISSION
JULY 28, 2015

The Gladwin City Planning Commission met in regular session Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at Gladwin City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Chairman Darlington followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners Present: Darlington, David, Povey, Stout, Wendell, Wenzel.
Commissioner Clayton entered at 5:20. Commissioner Alward entered at 6:05.

Absent: Commissioner English

Also present: Bernadette Weaver, Zoning Administrator, and Douglas Jacobson, City Attorney.

Motion by Commissioner Stout, supported by Commissioner Wenzel to approve the meeting minutes of April 28, 2015 as presented. Chairman Darlington asked if there were any corrections to the minutes then said the minutes will stand as presented.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stout, supported by Commissioner Wenzel to schedule a public hearing at the next regular meeting of the planning commission, August 25, 2015 at 5:15 pm for a request from Christina Lawrence for a special use permit to allow her property at 310 N. Bowery Avenue to become a two family residence. The motion carried.

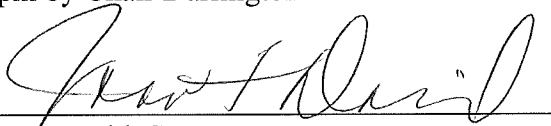
Chair Darlington gave an update on the progress of the Zoning Ordinance review. It is almost completed with some questions remaining for planner Doug Piggot and attorney Jacobson. Note was made of the fact that such a review is required every five years under current statute.

The developer for the Golf View Condominium project approached Administrator Weaver requesting the commission discuss how it might consider a request to abandon the project and create single family home sites at the location. The commissioners did not see any obvious impediments to such a request.

Mention made by Weaver that the banners at Lee's Off Road have been removed. Weaver also distributed the new bike path flyer. General discussions followed about nonconforming pools, an update on activities at the homeless shelter and appearances of some properties.

Mention was made that there has been high praise for those tending the flowers along Cedar Ave.

Motion by Commissioner Stout supported by Commissioner Povey to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm by Chair Darlington



Joan David, Secretary

A meeting of the Gladwin City Planning Commission was held on April 28, 2015 at the Gladwin City Hall.

The Planning Commission was called to order at 5 pm by Chair Darlington followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Commissioners Darlington, Alward, Clayton, David, English, Stout, Wendell, Wenzel.

Also present Bernadette Weaver and Jacob Roberts.

A motion was made by Alward, support by Wenzel, to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2016 meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

Newly appointed Commissioner Wendell was welcomed by Darlington. Commissioners introduced themselves.

Lee's Off Road made application for additional signage on the east of its pole structure to be approved. Zoning Administrator Weaver noted that the current banner will be removed, and the request is allowable under the current ordinance. Motion by Stout, support from Vlayton to approve the application. All ayes. Motion carried.

Weaver updated the Commissions as to letters sent out for no compliant signs, and more will be sent. Weaver stated that about 70% of those notified have responded. Letters were also sent by the City Attorney. There was only one recipient who has not responded.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07.

A joint meeting of the Gladwin Planning Commission, the Gladwin City Council and the Gladwin City Parks Commission was called to order at 5:15, by Darlington for Planning, Chair Jungeman for Parks and Mayor Winarski for Council.

Present for Parks: Jungeman, Kehoe, Kile, Platt, Svetco and Bodnar.

Present for Council: Winarski, Bodnar, Smith, Stout, Gardner, Mienk, Jungeman.

Absent: Caffrey.

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Also present: Weaver, Roberts and Moffat, City Manager.

City project updates were given by Moffat including work on State Street, upcoming dates in May 9 for city cleanup, May 15 & 16 for work in the park and installation of the new playscape. Volunteers are needed, and flowers will be planted after Memorial Day. There was discussion about past and future projects in the City Park. There are plans to seek funding grants, maybe in 2016, for an iron removal plant. There are very limited funds in this year's budget allocated for sidewalks. Only one of the street lights remains to be converted to LED.

Winarski reported that plots are available in the community garden, and once big projects are completed this season the Council will allocate any remaining funds where most needed.

Jungeman reported on the new equipment to be installed in the park and that there is a local government meeting scheduled in the Community Building on June 29 and it will. E followed by an open house at 7pm.

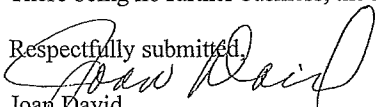
Weaver indicated that the planning commissioners each reviewed a section of the zoning ordinance and a three person committee will review all comments and suggestions with an eye to consolidating changes and seek input as needed.

Other items discussed in the meeting included visions for the community going forward, funding sources to approach for path around the city, the future walking/biking route to Beaverton, looking at ways to improve tourism as the city is not just off an expressway. The recycling program, removal of dead trees scattered about the park and the city and the possibility of a holiday decorating were also discussed.

The will be a simple amendment to the city charter on the November ballot so that the systems for wards and districts in the city will comply with state election law.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Joan David
Planning Commission Secretary.