

**WHITMAN COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION
June 5, 2019
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

MEMBERS:

Chad Whetzel – Chair
Keith Paulson – Member
Russell Jamison – Member
Bob Hill – Member

Dave Gibney – Member
Brian Davies – Member
Gary Moore – Member

STAFF:

Alan Thomson – County Planner
Katrin Kunz – Assistant County Planner
Ginny Rumiser – Clerk

7:02 p.m. – Chad Whetzel – Opened the meeting with introductions of Commission members and staff.

7:03 p.m. – Approval of Minutes for May 1, 2019

Motion by Keith Paulson and seconded by Gary Moore to approve the Minutes from May 1, 2019.

Motion carried.

REPORTS:

a. Board of Adjustment forthcoming hearings:

Alan Thomson – We have a possible Board of Adjustment forthcoming hearing for a rear setback variance. The date has yet to be determined. We're having issues with the membership of the Board of Adjustment right now. We have a five member board, we've got one vacancy that happened about 2-3 months ago. One of the others, last week, told us that he is going to resign and one of the members is seriously ill. So, we're having a struggle getting five people together and I think we can muster at least three. The guy that wants to retire from the BOA, Jim Lemon, who has been on for 35 years, has agreed to stay for at least a couple more months until we can get some replacements.

Chad Whetzel – So what are the requirements to be on that Board?

Alan Thomson – You just have to be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners.

Chad Whetzel – So you apply to your County Commissioner in your district and they will say yea or nay.

Alan Thomson – Yes.

Chad Whetzel – So, for those of you in the audience that are interested in getting involved with some of this, which is where I'm going with this, there are vacancies. So please, if you know someone or are interested.

Alan Thomson – We can talk about this later on, the possibility of maybe some of you guys moving upwards, that is another thought that we can discuss afterwards.

Dave Gibney – Is that upwards or sideways?

Alan Thomson – It might be downward for all we know.

Chad Whetzel – Is there a pay raise? Twice what I'm making now.

Alan Thomson – So hopefully we can arrange a time and get three board members together. So, a rear setback variance to a railroad and the railroad, apparently is okay with this and that is one of the major reasons for allowing a variance. So, I think that one will go forth as long as we can get a quorum together with the Board of Adjustment.

b. Forthcoming Administrative Use Permits:

Alan Thomson – We've still got Weis Towers on the agenda, still haven't heard from them. So, we don't know what is going on there yet, but they still have an open application. No action will be taken right now. And the AT & T application on Kamiak, we've found that there is Palouse Prairie remnants up there. Yes, they are still trying to figure out if there is a spot that they can avoid disrupting Palouse Prairie and we still haven't heard back from them. But, we now know that there is Palouse Prairie there, surrounding the existing towers. So, that one is kind of on hold at the moment until we find out a little bit more.

c. Forthcoming Variances: None

d. Update on previous conditional use permits and variances:

Alan Thomson – The Amanda Boyd horse boarding facility on O'Donnell Road and the Motley-Motley inert landfill off of Old Moscow Road and the Betty Child viewshed variance for a residence were all approved on May 9, 2019. So, those are done now.

- e. Update on previous administrative use permits: None
- f. Board of County Commissioners' action: None
- g. Update on previous Board of County Commissioners' action: None
- h. Shoreline of the State Substantial Development Permits:

Alan Thomson – We do have a Shoreline of the State Substantial Development Permit in hand, ongoing. And I think it's the 10th of June we will approve that permit and send it off to Ecology and then there is a 30-day wait once Ecology receives that. So, we're in process of getting that one done.

- i. Planning Commission forthcoming hearings: None

Alan Thomson – That's it for reports.

Chad Whetzel – So, we can continue onto Unfinished Business and open up the workshop on the marijuana issues.

7:07 p.m. – Adjourn to Workshop.