

**CLARK COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
Thursday, May 15, 2014**

**Public Services Center
1300 Franklin Street
BOCC Hearing Room, 6th Floor
Vancouver, WA**

6:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER 6:30 P.M.

MORASCH: Well, good evening, and welcome to the hearing of the Clark County Planning Commission on May 15th, 2014. I will call the meeting to order. And can we get a roll call.

II. ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

BARCA: HERE

BLOM: HERE

GIZZI: HERE

JOHNSON: ABSENT

QUIRING: ABSENT

USKOSKI: HERE

MORASCH: HERE

III. GENERAL & NEW BUSINESS

MORASCH: Okay. Moving on to general and new business, has everyone had a chance to review the agenda? Are there any changes? Then can we get a motion to approve the agenda.

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR MAY 15, 2014

GIZZI: I make a motion we approve the agenda.

USKOSKI: Second.

MORASCH: All in favor.

EVERYBODY: AYE

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MARCH 20, 2014

MORASCH: Then the motion carries, the agenda has been approved. Moving on to approval of the minutes, has everyone had a chance to review the minutes from the March 20, 2014 meeting? Can I get a motion to approve the minutes.

USKOSKI: Motion to approve the minutes.

GIZZI: Second.

BLOM: Second.

MORASCH: All in favor.

EVERYBODY: AYE

C. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

MORASCH: All right. The minutes have been approved. Moving on to communications from the public. This is the time in our meeting where we invite members of the public to come up and talk about any matter that is not on our agenda tonight. So is there anyone from the public that would like to speak to a matter that is not on the agenda?

IV. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS & PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION

Seeing none, we will move on to the public hearing items. And the first public hearing item is open space and timberland applications. And it looks like Mr. Vandling is moving up to the microphone. So when you're ready, please give us your staff report.

A. OPEN SPACE & TIMBERLAND APPLICATIONS

VANDLING: Good evening, Mr. Chairman. Jim Vandling, Department of Environmental Services, County Forester.

BARCA: Jim, microphone a little closer to you. Thank you.

VANDLING: I'm bringing to you the current use approval requests for the 27th year as required by RCW 84.34 and Clark County Code Chapter 3.08. This year we had 23 total requests, 18 of those were for the timberland classification of open space, and 3 were for various or 5 were for various open space designations, soil, streams and historic, we had 1 historic this year.

And so I've summarized all of those in Exhibit A which is the last page of your packet. So you can see where the spread of the properties is zoning-wise. The ones that were reclassified from one designation to another, there's three of them this year, and they were all farm and ag to timberland. And the open space classifications were all new open space classifications. One actually could have been a reclassification, but the parcel had been fully removed and withdrawn from the program prior to the sale of the land and the new owners came in and filed a new request.

So if there are any questions from the Commission, I'm here to address any questions you might have.

MORASCH: Okay, thank you. Are there any questions from any of the members of the Planning Commission? Well, seeing none, we will open it up to public testimony on this issue. And I have a sign-in sheet. The first person on the sign-in sheet is Dan Wyatt. Dan, did you want to come up and give any presentation to the Planning Commission?

WYATT: I don't think so unless I'm needed to. I don't really have anything prepared unless you have questions. Is it necessary?

MORASCH: Okay. No, it's not necessary. Thank you. And just for the record, Mr. Wyatt indicated that he didn't have any testimony unless there were questions. Susan Rasmussen, do you wish to come up and give any testimony to the Planning Commission?

RASMUSSEN: Yes, please.

MORASCH: Okay. Please come down here and have a seat at the mic and give your name and address for the record, please.

RASMUSSEN: Susan Rasmussen, 30301 NE Charity Road, La Center, 98629. I'm giving testimony on behalf of Virginia Pick-VanBreemen. Her property is item on Page 6 under Riverview Asset Management, review for open space applications.

Ms. VanBreemen was not aware that the trustee that she appointed, Riverview, issued a change to the current use status of her property taking it out of timberland and into open space and she wishes to remain in timber like she has been I believe since 1994.

MORASCH: John.

BLOM: Good.

MORASCH: Ron.

MOTION & ROLL CALL VOTE

BARCA: Motion to approve staff recommendation.

GIZZI: Second.

MORASCH: All right. We have a motion made and seconded. Can we have roll call, please.

USKOSKI: AYE

MORASCH: AYE

GIZZI: AYE

BLOM: AYE

BARCA: AYE

MCCALL: 5 in favor. Motion passes.

D. CPZ2014-00007 WASHOUGAL UGA REMOVAL

MORASCH: All right. The motion carries. That concludes Item C on our agenda. Moving on to item CPZ2014-00007, Washougal UGA removal. Mr. Alvarez, can we have the staff report, please.

ALVAREZ: Okay. This is to amend the comprehensive plan and zoning map to re-designate certain properties. There's two totaling about 116 acres in the Washougal urban growth area as Agricultural 20 and to remove these properties from the urban growth area. This was a result of the last -- this will conclude the appeals of the 2007 comprehensive plan.

MORASCH: Any questions? Is there anyone from the audience, there's no one in the audience, but is there anyone from the audience who wishes to testify on this matter? Hearing no one, we'll turn it over to the Planning Commission for discussion and/or a motion. Jim.

MOTION & ROLL CALL VOTE

GIZZI: I make a motion that we accept staff recommendations and move those two pieces out of the Washougal urban growth boundary.

BARCA: I second that motion, Jim.

MORASCH: All right. It's been made and seconded. Is there any discussion on the motion? No discussion? Roll call, please.

BARCA: AYE

BLOM: AYE

GIZZI: AYE

MORASCH: AYE

USKOSKI: AYE

MCCALL: 5 in favor.

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

MORASCH: All right. The motion carries. Another 5/0 motion. That concludes the public hearing items. Is there any old business? Is there any new business? Is there any comments from the members of the Planning Commission?

VII. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

BARCA: I just want to say that that was a brilliant motion that you brought forward, Jim, on the Washougal agricultural land. I so appreciate you being here to do those kinds of things for us.

GIZZI: Yeah, thanks, Ron.

MORASCH: Yeah, thank you, Jim, that was awesome.

GIZZI: Yeah, you guys are awesome.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MORASCH: Okay. Well, with that, the meeting is adjourned.

The record of tonight's hearing, as well as the supporting documents and presentations can be viewed on the Clark County Web Page at: <http://www.clark.wa.gov/planning/PCmeetings.html>.

Proceedings can be viewed on CTV on the following web page link:

<http://old.cityofvancouver.us/cvtv/cvtvindex.ask?section=25437&catID=13>.

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