



Marion County

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Dennis Person
(vacant)
(vacant)

DATE: June 21, 2016
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
PLACE: Senator Hearing Room, 555 Court St. NE, Salem

Present: Stanley Birch, George Grabenhorst, Dennis Person, Mike Long, and Gary Monders
Absent: Carla Mikkelsen and Rick Massey

Chair Grabenhorst called the meeting to order:

1. Public Hearing:

- Subdivision 16-002. Application of Darma Real Estate Partnership for conceptual and detail approval to subdivide an 107.7 acre parcel into five lots in an UT-20 (Urban Transition – 20 Acre Minimum) zone located in the 15,500 block of Butteville Road NE, Woodburn (T5S; R2W; Section 11; tax lot 300.

Joe Fennimore, Principal Planner, informed the Planning Commission that the applicant has requested a continuation of the public hearing. There being no one at the public hearing requesting to testify, Chair Grabenhorst asked for a motion to continue the hearing. After a brief discussion on possible dates members were available, a motion was made and seconded to continue the public hearing to July 19, 2016.

2. Discussion on possible changes to the Marion County Zone Codes regarding recreational marijuana, pending the outcome of the November, 2016 election.

Mr. Fennimore provided a brief update on recreational marijuana: how it's being handled by various jurisdictions, comments and policy changes from state agencies, etc. He provided the PC with a spreadsheet outlining the rural and urban zones and categories for growing, processing, etc. Staff recommendations for each category and zone are included.

The Planning Commission briefly reviewed the spreadsheet and Mr. Fennimore explained the rationale behind each staff recommendation. Overall, the members concurred with the staff recommendation but did not take any formal action.

Mr. Fennimore stated the Board of Commissioners would like the Planning Commission to hold a public hearing to receive testimony on these categories, possible county regulations, and the staff recommendations. After a brief discussion on possible dates members were available, Chair Grabenhorst stated the public hearing would be held on August 16, 2016.

3. Tribal lands open space request.

Mr. Fennimore explained the Board of Commissioners received an open space designation request from the Grande Ronde Tribe. Based on state law, the request must be reviewed and a recommendation made by the Planning Commission. He added this is not a land use action and final action by the county is not required until 2017.

Members discussed what the land would be used for, would public access be allowed, would native species be preserved and noxious weeds removed, and what would happen if the designation were to be voided. Mr. Fennimore replied he would have more information at later date. The intent of having this on the agenda for this meeting was simply to make the PC aware of this request that will require a formal review, discussion and recommendation. Mr. Fennimore indicated his intent is to have this on the agenda for a meeting after the recreational marijuana issue has been resolved.

4. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.