

**Town of Eatonville
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY 7:00 PM, APRIL 16, 2007
COMMUNITY CENTER
305 CENTER STREET WEST**

Chairman Lind called the meeting to order at 7:00PM .

Commissioners Present: Lind, Beach, Valentine, Frink, Harris, Harper. Schaub excused.

Town Staff Present: Mayor Smallwood, Nick Bond and Karen Bennett.

Approval of agenda: Lind moves Airport Layout Plan Presentation to the top of Public Hearings. Beach moves, Valentine second. Adopted unanimously.

Approval of minutes: March 19, 2007 - Beach motion. Valentine second. Adopted unanimously. April 2, 2007 – Beach motion. Valentine second. Adopted unanimously.

Communications and Announcements:

From Commissioners, Town Officials, other government bodies:

Lind looking for motion to continue Conditional Use Permit for Eatonville School District which has been cancelled for tonight. Beach moves. Valentine second.

Kirk Heinz, 10802 417th Street East, Eatonville, WA

If you continue it you don't have to resend the notices out and save paperwork and time.

Lind all in favor of continuing the hearing until our next meeting. Planning commission was polled. Three in favor of continuation, two opposed with Chair choosing not to vote. Continuation passes.

Public Hearings:

Presentation on Airport Layout Plan

Lillian Bowen, HDR Engineering

Review of Airport Layout maps.

Sign Ordinance 2007-12

Lind asked for a motion and a second to adopt the Sign Ordinance 2007-12 document that the Town Planner has written and presented.

Beach moves that we adopt the Sign Ordinance as presented by the Town Planner.

Valentine second.

18.06.010 Purpose – add paragraph: The economic base of the town is, to some extent, dependent upon maintaining an attractive area in which to visit, live and work. In order to maintain the town as an attractive area, it is crucial that this chapter promote design with deference to natural beauty, historical context, and aesthetic quality. Beach moved. Frink seconded.

Beach reviewed memo on his thoughts on signs in Eatonville.

Kirk Heinz, 10802 417th Street East, Eatonville, WA

Believes that the business in Eatonville need to survive. Believes that having signs that are realistically designed to fit the size and character of the business that they are representing is appropriate. The town needs to work with the businesses and try to encourage them to succeed.

Lind are we ready for a vote for the amendment? All in favor? All in favor and the amendment is now part of the main motion.

Nick Bond reviewed the history of putting together the Sign Ordinance document.

18.06.010 B. Accepted

18.06.020 Scope

- A. Accepted
- B. Accepted
- C. Accepted
- D. Accepted
- E. Accepted
- F. Accepted

18.06.030

- A1. Chair motioned to accept the language – internationally recognized organizations provided that such flags when attached to a flag pole be no longer than twenty-five (25) percent of the flag pole height, that flag poles be no taller that forty (40) feet, and that no flag hung from a building be greater than 10% of the area of the face of the building to which it is attached. Beach second. All in favor of this amendment say “aye”. All in favor. Amendment is accepted.
2. Accepted
3. Chair motioned to accept the language – to drop off “identification and”. Beach second. All in favor of this amendment say “aye”. All in favor. Amendment is accepted. Chair motioned to accept the language – and that the sign complies with address numbering requirements per 18.06.070 L. All in favor of this amendment say “aye”. All in favor. Amendment is accepted.
4. Accepted
5. Accepted

David Smith, 203 Mashell Avenue, Eatonville, WA

Would like to know how you define reasonable. Who decides what reasonable is?

Bond thinks that the question is not how to define reasonable but if there is an unreasonable situation then we would address it at that time as a nuisance under the zoning code.

18.06.030

6. Accepted
7. Chair makes a motion in definitions that we direct staff to put commemorative. Beach second. All in favor say "aye". All in favor. Amendment is passed.
8. Accepted
9. Accepted
10. Accepted
11. Accepted
12. Accepted
13. Accepted
14. Accepted

18.06.040 General Regulations

A1.

David Smith, 203 Mashell, Eatonville, WA

Questions on A1. No sign shall flap, flash, flutter, glitter, move, revolve, rotate, sparkle, spin, or swing whether it is electronically, mechanically or environmentally activated.

Lind to David Smith. I will sponsor an amendment if you will give us some wording and is your amendment that you want to drop out all of paragraph one?

David Smith yes.

Lind the chair is sponsoring an amendment to drop out all of paragraph one from 18.06.040. Frink second.

Bond explains ways to promote a business without taking out 18.06.040 A1.

Rich Williams, 3133 Hollywood Drive NE, Olympia, WA

Thinks this amendment could be taken out of the permanent sign's and put into the temporary.

David Babcock, 44011 SR 161, Eatonville, WA

The just of line number one is safety and the verbiage should be changed if it is a safety issue and define those safety issues.

Lind I have hearing an amendment to the amendment. But before I sponsor it I want to hear from Mr. Bond.

Bond clarified the original intent of 18.06.040 A1.

Kirk Heinz 10802 417t Street East, Eatonville, WA

Concern with car show that we have in Eatonville has sponsors that come in and help with that that have possible banners that go up that want to support those particular issues. They are bring monies into the community but we are outlawing those types of flags that go up. The art festival, same thing. Technically we are eliminating those types of items.

Bond under the current language, yes you are correct on things like the flags and pennants but special promotion signs are certainly allowed. Banners that advertise a sponsors name are allowed under other provisions of the ordinance.

Rich Williams, 3133 Hollywood Drive NE, Olympia, WA

Is under the impression that some of you feel that the merchants don't have any love for the town. That they want to junk it up. They want to make it look like South Hill. I have heard South Hill so much, I am sick of hearing it. This adversarial view towards the merchants is nonproductive. This particular item that we are talking about. If David wants something down there that attracts people to his business or Brent wants to have some flags around his car lot these people need to be able to do what they need to do to be successful. The more successful that these businesses are the better the businesses look, the better signs that they can afford to put up and the city gets more tax revenue. I think we have to quite thinking about the merchants being adversarial to the community and what the community should look like. We love this town too. But we have to get our heads on to such a way that businesses can be successful and they can manage their own businesses. If David has a special coming up this Saturday and he has to go through a review process and doesn't get approved till the following Monday he has lost his opportunity because a permit was not issued. Maybe the thing should be that if David has a sign like he wants to put up it has to be up it's got to be kept in a certain condition and it can only be up for 48 hours. You can do things to restrict having these kind of things so they wouldn't junk up the town on a long term bases. I think we need to have our businesses have a little bit of leniency on how they do conduct business.

Dee Baublits, 333 North Washington, Eatonville, WA

This is not Redmond, this is not South Hill. I have lived here 45 years and the town is going dead. If it takes a few lights blinking here and there I don't think it hurts the town to do that. It would be so nice to have people come up instead of let's go to Yelm to Arnolds and come up to Eatonville and maybe go to Jabino's or some of our other businesses. People that are coming into town might see that we are alive and not a dead place and Christianson's might get a business in it. Their all just falling apart. I think we need more life in town and if lights and balloons are going to do it, let's do it.

Beach I move that A1 be postponed until our next meeting.

Valentine second.

Lind are you ready for the question? All those in favor of the amendment which is to postpone action on A1 amendment and primary to our next meeting. All those in favor say "aye". Four in favor, one opposed. Motion is passed.

18.06.040

2. Accepted
3. Accepted
4. Accepted

Drew Pruitt, 206 Carter Street East #E, Eatonville, WA

Would like to see standing letters leaning against a side of the roof of a building. Would recommend that we change that to something that allows for letters or signage on the roof that doesn't go above the crest of the roof.

Lind the amendment that you would like the chair to sponsor is to allow letters that are separate not painted on that do not go above the highest part of the roof.

Drew Pruitt providing that they don't serve any type of distraction or safety issue. Simply allowing something that is free standing on the roof that does not go above the crest.

Lind the chair has made a motion to accept lettering that is freestanding on a roof that doesn't go above the top. Is there a second?

Frink second.

Bond would like to see freestanding signs go through the variance process.

Lind the chair makes a motion to sponsor an amendment that says freestanding signs can go on the roof as long as they are not above if they are approved by the variance procedure.

Bond we would have to write some variance criteria. I would not want to vote on this tonight.

Lind the chair makes such a motion. Do I hear a second?

Harper second.

Brent Soronsen, 203 Mashall Avenue, Eatonville, WA

Respectfully disagree with what Nick said. Would like to put a sign up on his metal roof and feels that it would add to the value of Eatonville. Why can't I use my visibility point for my signage point. I'm paying taxes on it and I own the building and I'm trying to buy it and if that is where people can see my sign, that's where I should be able to put it.

Lind is the body ready for the question on the variance? The amendment which has an amendment to it is that we would allow freestanding lettering that doesn't go above the roof line as accepted through a variance process. We are talking about the variance process as to whether we should put it through a variance process or not.

Beach so the amendment to the amendment we will start with the question whether there is a variance and then we work our way through the other issue of whether we are going to allow these signs at all.

Lind all those in favor say “aye” to the variance. Three in favor. Two opposed. Variance process is accepted. Now we move to the main motion which is to allow separate lettering that is free standing under a variance process. Are we ready for that motion or do we need to accept more testimony?

David Smith, 203 Mashell Avenue, Eatonville, WA

Would like to see it not limited to just freestanding lettering.

Lind we now have a motion on the floor to postpone the amendment to the next meeting to work on the variance language. I was getting ready to sponsor an amendment to make it not just freestanding but as a sign on it. I think we deal with both of those next time. Do we have a second for postponement?

Harris second.

Lind all those in favor say “aye”. All in favor. Motion passes. It’s postponed.

Mayor Smallwood Mr. Bond is presenting a position that came out of a committee and it’s guidelines. As we go through this I see the variance process more important than the sign ordinance itself.

Lind motion to end meeting at 9:30 pm. Valentine second. All those in favor say “aye”. Three in favor. Two opposed. The motion passes to end at 9:30 pm.

Valentine stated that there was very little attendance at committee meetings. Spoke away from microphone.

Rich Williams, 3133 Hollywood Drive NE, Olympia, WA

Addressed Mr. Valentine’s comments.

David Smith, 203 Mashell Avenue, Eatonville, WA

Would like to see number 11 of 18.06.040 taken out.

Lind are you asking the chair to sponsor an amendment to drop out number 11? Do I have a second.

Frink second.

Lind chair makes an amendment to postpone 18.06.040 #11 to the next meeting. Is there a second?

Beach second.

Lind all those in favor of postponing this item until the next meeting say “aye”. Four in favor. One opposed. 18.06.040 #11 is postponed. We have completed 040 which brings us down to 050.

David Babcock, 44011 SR 161, Eatonville, WA

Had a Christianson's sign on the Aarons Ark corner. Rich said it was tremendously helpful. He paid for the electrical bill and he rented the site from me and it still generated business for him. I don't know where that comes into it because it is not allow by the state.

Lind I included for B to be included in 040. Does anyone have anything to say about 040.

18.06.050 Accepted

18.06.060 A-G Accepted

18.06.060 H-K Disagreement

18.06.070 A1-6 Accepted

18.06.070 B1-3 Accepted

18.06.070 C1-9 Accepted

18.06.070 D Accepted

18.06.070 E1-9 Disagreement

18.06.070 F1-8 Disagreement;

Next Meeting: May 7, 2007

Beach motion to adjourn. Frink second.

Adjourn at 9:40 PM

PC Chairman, Steve Lind

PC Recorder, Karen T. Bennett

PC Secretary, Larry Frink