



Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting  
April 17, 2012  
*Minutes were approved on May 15, 2012*

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Beel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Commissioner Bryan Beel  
Commissioner Armando Herrera  
Commissioner Troy Hull  
Commissioner Jim Short

Excused: Commissioner Tim Hein  
Commissioner Judy Hooper  
Commissioner David Shepherd

Staff Present: Phil Bourquin, Community Development Director  
Jan Coppola, Administrative Assistant  
Sarah Fox, Senior Planner  
Kathy Marlowe, Planner  
David Schultz, Assistant City Attorney

**Approval of Minutes from the March 20, 2012, Planning Commission Meeting:**

It was moved by Commissioner Short and seconded by Commissioner Hull to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2012, Planning Commission Meeting as written. The motion carried by roll call vote.

**Workshop on Collective Gardens for Cannabis:**

Phil Bourquin, Community Development Director, introduced David Schultz, Assistant City Attorney, and distributed a letter that was addressed to the Clark County Board of Commissioners from the U.S. Department of Justice.

Mr. Schultz, distributed a Memorandum entitled "Medical Marijuana Collective Gardens" and the City of Camas resolutions that established a moratorium on collective gardens. He gave an overview to the Commissioners about the Federal Controlled Substance Act (CSA) and explained that the State of Washington is in the midst of a transition regarding how medical marijuana is regulated.

Mr. Schultz noted that there are conflicts in the federal and state statutes and discussed concerns about how to implement zoning requirements. Discussion ensued.

Throughout the presentation, Mr. Schultz and Mr. Bourquin responded to questions from the Commissioners.

In conclusion, Mr. Bourquin stated that this topic will come before City Council at a later date for a decision and staff will update the Commissioners at that time.

**Workshop on Downtown Commercial Zone and Definitions for Land Uses / Use**

**Authorizations:**

Sarah Fox, Senior Planner, briefly summarized the *Downtown Commercial Zoning* Staff Report (File No. CMC12-03) and explained that the majority of proposed changes to Camas Municipal Code (CMC) are based upon the feedback received from the downtown merchants at the Downtown Commercial Zoning Open House that was held on March 13, 2012. She commented that the proposed changes include more commercial uses being permitted and fewer uses requiring a conditional use permit.

Ms. Fox responded to clarifying questions from the Commissioners. Discussion ensued.

The proposed revisions as outlined in the staff report were reviewed section by section. Questions were asked, clarifications were made, and corrections were noted.

The Commissioners noted concerns regarding commercial businesses such as brewpubs or wineries generating nuisance odors. Ms. Fox addressed their concerns and responded that staff will research possible solutions.

Discussion ensued regarding allowing future proposals for event centers to be located appropriately in designated zones.

Ms. Fox concluded the presentation by stating that these proposed amendments will be coming forward on May 15, 2012, for a public hearing.

Chair Beel asked and there were no further questions or comments.

**Miscellaneous Updates:**

Mr. Bourquin briefly updated the Commissioners on the priorities and timelines of the Community Development work program.

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Beel adjourned the Planning Commission meeting at 7:40 p.m.