

YACHATS PLANNING COMMISSION

February 27, 2018

Work Session Draft Minutes

Vice-Chair Ron Urban called the February 27, 2018 meeting of the Yachats Planning Commission to order at 2:00 pm in the Room 1 of the Yachats Commons. Members present: Ron Urban, Helen Anderson, Shelly Shrock, Ginny Hafner, and James Kerti. Absent: Christine Orchard and Mary Ellen O'Shaughnessey. Audience: 0.

I. Sign Ordinance

Planner Larry Lewis noted the February 6, 2018 public meeting was very cordial and productive. Commissioners appreciated the ideas they received.

Commissioner Shrock suggested there was consensus with the public input that digital signs not be allowed. Urban asked if it was within the power of the Planning Commission to make this decision. Commissioner Anderson asserted since the standard would apply to everyone, the Planning Commission could make this recommendation. Lewis noted there would be a public hearing and the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development 35 days prior to the hearing. Anderson added that the City Attorney would review the proposal as well. Commissioners agreed to recommend to not allow digital signs.

Commissioner Hafner suggested that A-Frame signs not be allowed for businesses on an ongoing basis. Anderson recalled comments about public input about having to navigate around signs. Commissioner Kerti asked for clarification as to why not to allow A-Frames. Anderson suggested sign clutter and sidewalk crowdedness are valid reasons. Anderson suggested allowing A-Frames for temporary events but not for ongoing business use. Commissioners discussed what would constitute a "temporary event," noting some restaurants could have nightly specials. Kerti suggested special occasion could be differentiated from regularly occurring events. Hafner suggested the distinction might be made over whether the use is for a regular business. Anderson suggested language of, "events not related to ongoing business." Commissioners agreed this language would allow the Farmer's Market, the Ladies Club, and the Lions Club to use A-Frames.

Hafner asked if "non-profit" would be a better way to distinguish events from businesses. Anderson noted there are arts and crafts fairs that are not nonprofit events. Kerti asked if a business wanted to use an A-Frame four times each year, would that be allowed? Urban suggested the property type could distinguish usage. Anderson summarized that Ron Vil, manager of the Farmer's Market, wrote that they use four A-Frame signs to indicate parking for the Market.

Hafner noted the current code prohibits A-Frames except for temporary use. Anderson suggested the current code language is unclear about what constituted temporary use. Urban noted the Farmer's Market uses an A-Frame to block off 4th Street from 101. Shrock suggested having A-Frames that direct traffic only on Highway 101. Hafner recalled there was a suggestion to have different regulations for areas outside of the downtown area.

Commissioners discussed differences between A-Frame signs and banners on poles

Commissioners discussed rewording "events not related to ongoing business." Anderson believed the restriction should be more over frequency of occurrence than the type of organization.

1 Urban pointed out even for temporary use, A-Frames are heavily regulated. Anderson suggested
2 moving the entire section of 9.44.040(B)2c to 9.44.050 Temporary Signs.

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4 Commissioners agreed to:

5 Adjust 9.44.040(B)2c to: A-Frame Signs are allowed for events lasting no more than three (3)
6 days.

7 Delete 9.44.040(B)2c.1

8 Adjust 9.44.040(B)2c.4 to: maximum of six (6) square feet with maximum dimensions of two (2)
9 feet wide by three (3) feet tall.

10 Adjust 9.44.040(B)2c.7 to: permitted during the event

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12 9.44.050(C): Commissioners agreed real estate signs should be allowed to remain up until a
13 property is sold or rented. Commissioners agreed to require real estate signs be removed within
14 fifteen days after closing.

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16 9.44.050(A): Commissioners noted that people often have multiple political signs. Commissioners
17 agreed to proceed with one temporary sign per issue, and to revisit the language of "issue" later.

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19 Anderson asked about the regulations on flags. Urban noted 9.44.010 exempted national and
20 state flags. Kerti noted people display flags for their sports teams. A final decision was not
21 reached.

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23 Urban adjourned the work session at 2:59 pm.

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28 Ron Urban, Vice-Chair

Date

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30 Minutes prepared by H H Anderson on February 12, 2018.