

CITY OF YACHATS
PLANNING COMMISSION
Work Session
January 17, 2012
Minutes

Vice Chair Christine Orchard called the January 2012 work session to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Civic Meeting room of the Yachats Commons. Members present: Orchard, Katherine Guenther, Nan Scott, Ken Aebi and Lawrence Musial. Absent: Phyllis Castenholz. Also present, City Planner Larry Lewis.

I. Discussion on the Number of Planning Commission Members

Orchard said that she would like to recommend that the Planning Commission membership be reduced to five members, and that that it could be achieved through attrition. It would be easier to have a quorum, it would match the number of Council members and it makes sense for a town the size of Yachats.

Orchard will make a motion during the regular meeting.

II. Draft Amendment – Protection of Ocean, River, Streams, Wetlands and Riparian Areas

The Commission reviewed the latest draft of the amendment and made suggestions to improve the format to make it easier for people to find the section they need depending on their application. Lewis will make the suggested changes.

III. Draft Amendment – Off-Street Parking and Loading

The Commission reviewed the latest draft. Discussion followed regarding the change in required parking spaces when the use is changed. It was noted that if a change is made that does not require a building permit it is difficult to enforce the required change in parking spaces.

There was consensus that the two amendments, as modified at this meeting, were ready for the public hearing. The public hearing will be scheduled for the March 20, 2012, which is the first meeting following the DLCDC notification period, which has been changed from a 45-day notice to a 35-day notice.

The work session was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Attest:

Christine Orchard, Vice Chair

Nancy Batchelder, City Recorder