

1 Depoe Bay City Council/Planning Commission
2 Joint Meeting
3 Tuesday, February 17, 2004 - 6:00 PM
4 Depoe Bay City Hall
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7 PRESENT: Mayor B. Silver, J. White, P. Taunton, A. Brown, G. Romans, M. Lavery,
8 B. Moore, B. Taunton (arr 6:01), J. Woodmark, D. Johnson, F. Recht,
9 B. Langdon

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11 ABSENT: J. Brown, S. McGavock

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13 STAFF: City Recorder P. Murray, City Field Superintendent T. Owings, Recording
14 Secretary S. Fox
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17 I. CALL TO ORDER

18 Mayor Silver called the meeting to order and established a quorum.

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20 II. ROLES IN LOCAL PLANNING:

21 Mayor Silver outlined the procedure to be followed for this meeting. All Councilors and
22 Commissioners were offered an initial two-minute period in which to voice their concerns or
23 comments, followed by a second brief opportunity to speak on a second round. Mayor Silver
24 stated that the reason for this meeting was to discuss and resolve deep-seeded
25 misunderstandings regarding the roles, duties and responsibilities of the City Council and the
26 Planning Commission. He read portions of documents distributed to Councilors and
27 Commissioners after the last Regular Council meeting, which were intended to give everyone
28 a basic understanding of each others' roles. (Copies of *Message to Elected Officials* and
29 *Rules of Order Versus Principles* handouts are attached to the original of these minutes.)
30 Mayor Silver added that the City Planner general position summary states that the Planner "...
31 performs a variety of current and long-range land use planning functions. Work involves the
32 development, administration, and enforcement of land use policies and procedures, the City's
33 Comprehensive Plan, and its implementing ordinances. Performs related duties as required."
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36 Mayor Silver asked if there were any questions regarding the materials handed out at the last
37 Council meeting. There was one clarification on *Rules of Order Versus Principles*. The
38 clarification was that at the Workshop meeting, the Councilor spoke regarding significant
39 procedural violations, not insignificant procedural violations. The Planning Commission chair
40 apologized for any misunderstanding regarding comments made by him or other
41 Commissioners about Councilors not understanding roles and duties of Planning
42 Commissioners. The comments made were regarding people who have taken training and
43 have been immersed in land use issues, as they learn about and are more familiar with the
constraints that the Commission operates under.

1 III. COUNCILORS' AND COMMISSIONERS' CONCERNS

2 Comments and items of concern brought up by Councilors and Commissioners included:

3 1) Several comments on the [negative] manner in which local media reflects what happens in
4 public meetings. 2) A suggestion that people ask questions and investigate matters or
5 decisions they are unclear on before making public statements. 3) A perception that Planning
6 Commission concerns may be prejudged and are not looked at in depth by the Council. 4)
7 Each body should communicate clearly with the other. 5) The Planning Commission should
8 ask the Council if they wish to pursue certain actions before moving forward. 6) Several
9 perspectives on the degree of decorum at Planning Commission meetings, ranging from
10 excellent to out of control. 7) A lack of communication between Planning Commission
11 members. 8) Land use issues are often "enforced" by members of the Planning Commission
12 noticing violations in their day-to-day lives around town, which are then brought to meetings for
13 discussion. 9) A perception that people sometimes pre-judge issues and do not always come
14 to meetings with an open mind. 10) Liaison officers being interrupted while giving a report.
15 11) A concern that a single member of the Planning Commission can ask the liaison to speak
16 to the Council on behalf of the entire Commission. 12) Statements that the Planning
17 Commission is limited in the scope of its actions by land use laws and zoning, and that
18 decisions are made based on these guidelines. 13) Several comments regarding use of
19 Robert's Rules of Order at Planning Commission meetings. 14) A comment that as public
20 officials, everyone needs to be aware of their conduct both in public meetings, and in dealings
21 with neighbors and citizens. 15) Several comments regarding a lack of listening and asking
22 questions. 16) A comment that people who are uninformed or untrained are not stupid. 17) A
23 perception of lack of good will and trust; misinformation and bad will hurt the town, so all must
24 stand together and stop participating in the "bashing" of others. 18) A comment regarding the
25 length of time needed to review and approve text amendments being directly related to the
26 size of the document and number of amendments being revised. 19) Comments that the
27 diverse personalities involved seem to be related to some of the problems and lack of
28 communication. 20) A comment that power, respect, and cohesiveness comes from a group,
29 and that everyone needs to stand behind decisions made by the group. 21) A suggestion to
30 revisit codification of ordinances. 22) Comments that people need to respect each other.

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32 It was the consensus of the group to form a subcommittee consisting of Silver and Johnson.
33 The subcommittee was charged with developing basic procedures to resolve the issues.
34 Another joint meeting will be scheduled within 60 days, to discuss suggestions the
35 subcommittee develops.

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37 IV. ADJOURN

38 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

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46 Silver Fox, Recording Secretary