

Vice Chairperson Brian Pogue called the July 14, 2009, Clatsop County Planning Commission meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Planning Commissioners (PC) present: Christine Bridgens, Marcia Harper-Vellutini, Brian Pogue and Clarke W. Powers. Excused: Mike Autio and Cary T. Johnson.

Staff present: Will Caplinger, Development Services Manager, Transportation and Development Services.

Business from the Public

No one from the public asked to speak.

PC Bridgens took a moment to comment on behavior she termed “disrespectful” and “deplorable” by people attending the Board of Commissioners’ meetings, protesting the board’s decisions regarding the Bradwood Landing liquefied natural gas proposal. She suggested her fellow commissioners and others from the public should attend Thursday’s meeting to witness the behavior. She requested her comments be made part of the record.

Other Business

Land and Water Development and Use Ordinance and Standards Document, Draft 2009 Amendment, version a

Development Services Manager Will Caplinger walked planning commissioners through proposed updates to the county’s Land and Water Development and Use Ordinance and Standards Document. Most of the changes he is proposing, he said, have arisen from recent incidents and events, as well as last year’s review.

Among the elements he highlighted were definitions for front lot line, property line adjustment, variance, and vehicle; types of use decisions to be determined by the Community Development Director; and definitions of non-conforming and legal non-conforming structures and uses. He also explained proposed changes to the definition regarding replacement and damage of legal non-conforming structures and uses that would clarify requirements for how buildings could be reconstructed and how the percentage of fair market value loss would be determined.

Mr. Caplinger answered questions from planning commissioners, who indicated they agreed with his proposals, and he said he would send the proposed changes to the Department of Land Conservation and Development later this month.

Adjournment

Vice Chairperson Pogue adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cary T. Johnson
Chairperson, Planning Commission