

MINUTES

Clallam County Planning Commission

Virtual Meeting of February 2, 2022 at 6:00 PM

- A. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
- C. ROLL CALL: Members present were Chair Jane Hielman, Robert Miller, Steve Gale, Ron Long, N. Bonnie Booth, M. Ingrid Carmean and Philip Giuntoli; Donella Clark, Principal Planner; Greg Ballard, Senior Planner by phone; represented staff from the Department of Community Development. Staff informed Commission that Scott Clausen had submitted his resignation and a vacancy was being advertised for District 2.
- D. WELCOME: Chair Hielman welcomed all in attendance and commended Scott Clausen for his many years of service.
- E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 5, 2022
- F. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Hearing on the changes to the ADU Ordinance scheduled for March 1st.
Commissioner Carmean informed the group that the homelessness subcommittee did not make it to Bayside Housing yet and are looking at going in March. They are talking with United Way of Clallam County to join them.
- G. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None.
- H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nominations and Election of Chair and Vice-Chair. Commissioners each talked about how many years they have served and their backgrounds. Jane Hielman was elected as chair and Steve Gale was elected as Vice-Chair.
- I. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM: None.
- J. WORK SESSION ITEMS: Greg Ballard introduced Ted Allison to discuss DNR's thoughts on proposed ordinance. DNR does 500-600 Forest Practice Applications per year. DNR discussed the FPA requirements in the County. He indicated that DNR can require a Forest Practice Application (FPA) on parcels 2 not 2.5 acres in size capable of growing trees. He indicated that since around 2016 DNR was limiting COHP to only Urban Growth Areas, and DNR had issue with COHP not going through SEPA. Upon researching the issue he sees no restrictions in allowing them in the Rural Areas. He indicated that DNR is generally supportive of COHP, and supported the language in the draft ordinance that required a SEPA threshold determination if a COHP that sought to issue uses incompatible with growing trees within 3 years of the issuance of the COHP. DCD indicated that currently all conversions are processed as a Class IV General FPA (\$1,500 fee to DNR) where the county indicates to DNR whether the County want to be the lead for SEPA to ensure that county requirements can be met. Currently the county also has a process to lift the 6 year moratorium after a parcel is already logged, and the only specifications for this process are in the Critical Area Code. The COHP provide standards for timber harvests that will provide additional options for landowners who want to allow the issuance of development permits within 6 years of issuance of a Class II or III FPA (\$100 fee to DNR). COHP are a good option for people who want to do a partial cut to establish an house & not to have a 6 year moratorium on the areas cut. The provisions of the County's COHP are implemented by DNR through the FPA.
- K. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Ken Reandeau asked Ted Allison the amount of land converted from forestry. Ted mentioned that the DNR did see an uptick in wood prices and people were able to cut and get a good price, but there was not a huge amount of conversion happening.
- L. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:55p.m.