

LEHI CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Minutes from the Lehi City Planning Commission Work Session held on Thursday, July 05, 2007 in the Lehi City Conference Room.

Members Present: Kerry Schwartz, Ron Smith, Marlin Peterson, Marilyn Schiess, Carolyn Player, Janys Hutchings, Marlin Peterson

Members Absent: Derek Byrne, Jason Willes

Others: Frankie Christofferson, Christie Hutchings, Kim Struthers, Noreen Edwards, Lt. Harold Terry, Sgt. Jeff Swenson

Meeting began at 5:35 p.m.

1. DISCUSSION OF EXTENDED STAY HOTELS

Kerry Schwartz stated that they had a meeting with Ken Rushton a week ago and he said that if they meet the conditions of our code it is an approved use.

Discussed adding other conditions such as trees for screening, daily maid service to check rooms, etc.

Kerry Schwartz said in the Development Code section 09.050 we need to make sure we add those 3 findings into the motion. We need to be careful that we don't impose something on this use that we wouldn't impose somewhere else in this same zone.

Harold Terry discussed number of dispatched calls in relation to those related to sex offenses. He stated that Jeff Swenson and Brian Larsen will be at the meeting and Brian will have the stats and will also have information from Sandy City – they have a couple extended stay hotels there. He said that Brian also has the #1 stats on child predators.

Jeff Swenson handed out a copy of the new State law regarding Sex Offenders.

Discussed different security measures for hotels; lighting at entry ways, security guard, having the windows face east west so they don't face the south toward the school. Discussed that we can't require something on one and not on the other hotels.

Ed Collins said that you can't try and regulate the things that might happen. He went over the history of the property. He said that he thinks the problem is with the words 'extended stay'. Box Elder Properties is not in a hurry to force this – if we want to change that from the Business Park zoning to something more appropriate then now is the time to do it. If this hotel is approved it will be too late to do that. But Box Elder Properties is not going to withdraw the application. We'd consent to be tabled again if you want that review is being conducted. He said they'd be happy to do an owner occupied condo development instead.

The feeling of the commission is that they like the Business Park zone there – and they don't want to change it.

Harold Terry made note that the highest months of crime are July and August when there is no school.

2. DISCUSSION OF SEX OFFENDER PROHIBITION ORDINANCE

Christie Hutchings showed the maps with the distances marked out from public areas where sex offenders would be able to locate.

Discussed whether this is necessary or not.

Christie Hutchings mentioned that there are some citizens that don't feel like we are doing anything and that we don't care about the children. She stated that she looked at some ordinances that are in place in other locations although there are none in Utah other than State Law.

Harold Terry said we have to be very careful – if we go with the State Code we're fine – anything else could be attacked by the ACLU or another group.

Discussed that the State ordinance covers this and that this is not a land use issue.

Vaughn Pickell moved to inform staff that we are not interested in adopting an ordinance dealing with sex offenders recognizing that they need places to live as well and finding that the State law is pretty extensive in its regulations and is pretty efficient in what they need. Second by Janys Hutchings. Motion carried unanimously.

3. DISCUSSION OF WIND FARM ORDINANCE

Kim Struthers handed out the proposed ordinance.

Discussed if there is a specific zone we want this restricted to or if we want to have is as an overlay zone. Discussed that the northwest side of the city or along Redwood seems the most logical. Discussed having it as part of the zone change and have input from the people near by. Decided to come to a final decision at the next work session in August.

Janys Hutchings moved to adjourn. Second by Ron Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting ended at 7:10 p.m.

Janys Hutchings said she would be gone July 12th.

Date Approved _____

Chairman _____

Secretary _____