



TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

February 23, 2012
Johnston

Present: Chairperson Wade Morlock, Commissioners Gordon Roberts and Jan Johnston

Excused: Commissioner Dick Stratton

Staff: Deputy Town Clerk Angela Kulp, Town Planner Mona Green

Guests: Residents Dr. Joann Bromberg, Tom Stowe, Donna Stowe

Rescheduling this meeting from February 16, 2012, avoided a conflict with another village meeting. Chairperson Morlock called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

Minutes: Commissioner Johnston moved to approve the January 19, 2012 minutes as written. Commissioner Roberts seconded. Vote: 3 For, 0 Against. Motion carried.

Old Business: Shoreline Master Program (SMP)

Resident and Councilmember Tom Stowe thanked the Commissioners for their hard work on the SMP draft. Planner Green shared the Council agreed at their February meeting for the State Dept. of Ecology to do an initial review prior to the Council taking action. She noted Ecology will have our SMP for about six weeks but the Council is discussing it now. Mr. Stowe noted the Council would schedule a public hearing when they have the SMP back from Ecology.

Resident and WABA Shoreline Project Manager Joann Bromberg wondered about an opinion Mr. Morlock expressed over differing Town and WABA goals, as stated in the approved December minutes. Discussion ensued, and Councilmember Stowe noted that, if needed, Deputy Clerk Kulp could edit and re-file the December minutes as "corrected minutes". Mr. Morlock stood by his opinion, but agreed to review his comment for clarification purposes, and will get back to Deputy Clerk Kulp about it soon.

Dr. Bromberg also expressed concern regarding the current draft of the new SMP, as she believes it conflicts with future grant funding of WABA's shoreline restoration project. She explained this project, funded by WRIA8 with King County tax dollars, is administered through the King Conservation District.

Dr. Bromberg inferred that although only half of the six sections, which comprise the overall design plan, have been permitted and are slated for construction over the next three years, the remaining three sections, also paid for with 2010 KCD grant dollars, have been developed through the concept stage (30%). They are waiting until funds become available to push them through the engineering and permitting process.

Deputy Clerk Kulp noted timing would determine which SMP is in effect; the current permits are under the existing SMP.

Dr. Bromberg did point out that the dog beach area is especially worrisome, as the shoreline at that spot has been eroding for some years. The community had identified the dog beach as important, but did not make it a priority during the first permit round.

Dr. Bromberg asked the Commission to consider these concerns before the draft goes to the Council. Planner Green noted that since the SMP is already in the Council's hands, Dr. Bromberg needs to bring her concern to the Council during their public hearing, as there is still time for the Council to make adjustments.

New Business: New Agenda Topics

Resident Donna Stowe inquired about how the Commission decides what to study. Deputy Clerk Kulp noted it is often a Council request, but a property owner can also bring a topic to the Commission, where the Commission can discuss and determine whether the topic warrants further study.

Ms. Stowe noted some concerns she has about the Growth Management Act and inquired about the Town's plans to update *The Comprehensive Plan*. Planner Green stated that although the state wanted to update all Comprehensive Plans two years ago, they realized there was no state funding available for grants and therefore cannot mandate any updates. She noted if the Council wants to take on this task and its relevant costs, it could. She continued that although there may be some changes to the Growth Management Act, the Town's Comp Plan, last updated in 2004, is still relevant.

Adjourn: Chairperson Morlock moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Johnston seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm. Vote: 3 For, 0 Against. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 15, 2012, 7:00pm at Commissioner Johnston's home.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Kulp, Deputy Town Clerk