

July 20, 2017
5:30PM Washburn City Hall

CITY OF WASHBURN PLAN COMMISSION MEETING

COMMISSION MEMBERS: Dave Anderson(Late), John Baregi, Scott Griffiths, Leo Ketchum-Fish, Jeremy Oswald, Adeline Swiston,

ABSENT: Josh Zifko

MUNICIPAL PERSONNEL: Scott Kluver-City Administrator/Clerk, Tammy DeMars-City Treasurer/Deputy Clerk

Meeting called to order at 5:35PM by Griffiths attendance as recorded above.

Approval of Minutes – June 22, 2017 – Baregi moved to approve the minutes of June 22, 2017 as presented, second by Swiston. Motion carries unanimously.

Public Hearing – Discussion and Action on Conditional Use Permit Application, Request for Tourist Rooming House – Operate a one-bedroom tourist rooming house out of the property located at 325 Washington Avenue. Jodi Supanich/Washburn Meditation Center, Petitioner – Swiston moved to open the floor for public hearing, second by Baregi. Motion carried. Griffiths received word from the applicant, Jodi Supanich that she would be unable to attend do to some issue with her child but asked if she could be put on the speaker phone for the hearing, with no objects Supanich was put on the speaker phone. Paula Jung who resides at 211 W. 4th Street voiced concerns (she also had written material on file in the Clerks Office), that this use would be detracting to the area. Those concerns in particular were the occupancy, length of stay and parking. Supanich responded, that she would be willing to have two off street parking areas, she would also be willing to limit the number of guest if needed and she will have guests approved by WMC prior to booking to help insure there are no problem renters. Mark Lusche residing at 212 W. 4th Street, spoke in support of the CUP, he feels the entire facility including the Tourist Rooming House is an asset to the Community, the prior two owners of this building, Jean Lusche and Humble Be/Griffiths both had tourist rooming house and there were no problems. (Anderson arrives at 6:06pm). Lusche also stated the area used is actually great for families and setting a limit on the number of people wouldn't be right. Discussion held. The Commission noted the Zoning Code only limits the number of rooms that can be rented; not the number of guest, parking issue can be address in the conditions. Ketchum-Fish moves to recommend approval of Jodi Supanich/Washburn Mediation Center, Inc., 325 Washington Ave. Conditional Use Permit application for a tourist rooming house, with the amended condition requiring (2) two off street parking spaces instead of one (1), second by Baregi. Discussion. The Commission confirmed the size of the parcel was not an issue, the use is compatible, the location of the use on the property is not a concern, traffic safety should not be a problem, it is a suitable additional use, there are no negative impacts on the environment known of, concerns with impacts on the neighbors were discussed and guest rules will be posted to help address these concerns, and it would not impede the normal development. Motion carried 6 to 0. Swiston moves to close the floor, second by Baregi. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of the Façade Loan Program Policies and Procedures- Plan Commission will be taking over the Façade Loan Program that originated with the Washburn Development Authority. Program and funds that are available were discussed.

Ketchum-Fish moves to adjourn at 6:35pm, second by Baregi. Motion carried unanimously.

Tammy L. DeMars
Treasurer/Deputy Clerk