



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Minutes Planning Commission, Regular Meeting

October 27, 2022

5:45 PM

Council Chambers 501 North Anderson Street

Ellensburg, WA 98926

And remotely via Zoom

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Roll Call Present In-Person: Fred Padjen, Ed Harrel, Sathy Rajendran, George Bottcher, Sigrid Davison, Delano Palmer

Roll Call Present-Via Zoom: Geraldine O'Mahony

Absent:

Also Present: Jamey Ayling, Community Development Director, Laura Wilson, Planner, Tom Morris, Public

Also Present Via Zoom: Abigail Donner, agent for Fortify Holdings LLC

3. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Harrel moved to Approve the Agenda. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

4. Approval of the Minutes

Approval of Minutes of the September 22, 2022, Planning Commission Meeting

Commissioner Harrel made a motion to approve the minutes from September 22, 2022.

Motion Carried 7-0.

5. New Business

A. Open Record Public Hearing to consider a conditional use permit for the conversion of existing motel into multifamily housing in the Commercial Highway zoning district.

Staff Wilson presented staff report. Public comments by Tom Morris. Staff responded. No other public comment. Planning Commission addressed questions to applicant. Public comment closed. Commissioners had discussion. Commissioner Palmer made a motion that in addition to the conditional use that all exterior lighting meet local light requirements, soft landscaping along University Way, and prohibit access to 9th Avenue (Motion made at 6:47 pm-6:50 pm). Additional conditional use

amendment to motion by Commissioner Delano that the soft landscaping along University Way be required to meet conditions for new apartment construction. Staff suggested Commission clarify the landscaping for new apartment construction be specific to University Way if that is the Commissions intent. Commissioner Delano amended the motion to clarify the soft landscaping meet new construction standards along University Way ONLY. **Motion Carried 7-0.**

6. Old Business

7. Citizen Comment

Dave Dunbar gave public comment

8. Staff update/Discussion Items

Staff distributed email comments on the Growth Management Act (GMA). At a future meeting the GMA will be addressed.

Future meetings will be held the First Thursday of the month.

Next meetings docket has the I O O F Annexation. Geraldine O'Mahony will be absent for the next meeting.

Commissioner George Bottcher addressed concerns regarding Ida Nason Aronica Elementary. Conditional Use Permit traffic safety concerns. Staff pictures shown. Conditional Use Permit conditions were reviewed. Temporary Certificate of Occupancy has been granted but not final Occupancy. Critical areas were discussed from the CUP which effected a barrier between children and cars where sidewalk is located.

9. Commission Representative Update

10. Adjournment

Chairman Padjen adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.
Next meeting November 10, 2022, 5:45 p.m.