

**TOWN OF TWISP
PLANNING COMMISSION
September 12th, 2018
REGULAR MEETING**

Call to Order: Commissioner Battle called the meeting to order at 5:00P.M.

Attendees: Planner Kurt Danison
Commissioner Samuel Israel
Commissioner Bill Tackman
Commissioner Donna Keyser
Commissioner John Battle
Council Member Alan Caswell
Commissioner Steve Kern

Absentee:

Addition: N/A

Deletion: N/A

Minutes from June 13, 2018, July 11, 2018, August 15, 2018 – Commissioner Kern moved to approve the minutes from June 13, 2018, July 11, 2018, and August 15, 2018. The motion was seconded by Council Member Keyser and approved unanimously.

Public Hearing – Draft Zoning Code Amendments - Commissioner Battle opened the public hearing at 5:03 p.m. Planner Danison read to the audience his staff report which outlined all of the draft amendments proposed to the zoning code.

Commissioner Battle asked the audience for comments relating to the proposed zoning code amendments and reminded the public that comments would be limited to 3 minutes each.

Scot Domerque of 501 June Street read a letter he prepared and submitted. He believes the amendments make housing more expensive and restrict the ability of property owners to do what they want.

Howard Cherrington of 3 Meyer Creek Road stated that he is in favor of the zoning code amendments and suggested Town consider a tiny house zoning district to allow for smaller houses. He thanked the Planning Commission for all of their hard work on the zoning code.

Vicki Hallowell of 303 2nd Ave also thanked the Planning Commission for their hard work on the code. She stated she would like to see the accessory dwelling unit definitions require property owners to live on site. She stated she did not want to live in a cookie cutter town and was not for minimum house sizes. She also suggested that RV Parks be added to commercial zoning.

Sandra Streiby of 300 Lincoln Street stated she was not in favor of minimum housing sizes as housing affordability and inclusivity is what is causing retailers in Town to struggle. The work base is small. She

stated land use direction has to do with protection and land use choice. She stated it is not about the size of a home but the aesthetics of it.

Paul Barth of 503 Bigelow Street stated he was in favor of minimum house sizes and that the zoning code is there to keep Town nice. He supports the changes to the zoning code and commended the Planning Commission on their work.

Leone Edson of 321 Bigelow St. stated she was also in favor of the minimum house sizes and wondered about the Town enforcement of zoning code. She stated she agreed with what Paul Barth had said.

Mark Edson of 321 Bigelow St. stated the Town should set minimum house sizes but allow a variance process, so the neighbors could have a say in what is allowed in a neighborhood.

Dennis Doyle of 409 Bigelow St. reported for his mother Mary Bean that she is in favor of affordable housing but keep smaller houses in a separate zone to keep Town looking nice.

Barry Stromberger of 316 Bugar Street stated that he lives in the other R1 zone in Town and that the Commission needs to pay attention to the emotions expressed by the public that evening with regards to the small accessory dwelling units.

Gayle Clemens of 20285 Hwy 20 stated that tiny homes are not necessary less expensive than larger homes, but some people want to have a smaller footprint when owning a home. She stated she is not in favor of minimum house sizes and is concerned that Twisp is losing the uniqueness she is used to. She also stated she thinks more code enforcement is needed.

Isabelle Spoon read a letter she prepared and submitted to the Town. She supports smaller housing for the working class in Town.

Commissioner Battle asked the audience if there was any more comments. Commissioner Israel asked Paul Barth how a house already built would cost less than building one. Mr. Barth explained that he had sold a few houses lately for less than it costs to build a new one.

There being no further public comment Commissioner Battle closed the public hearing at 6:14 p.m.

The Commission decided it would like to have more time to discuss the issues and comments brought forth from the public hearing. Commissioner Kern moved to put the Draft Zoning Code Amendments on the agenda for the next Planning Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Keyser and passed unanimously.

There being no further business Commissioner Battle adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.



 John Battle, Chairman



 Andrea Thompson, Secretary

