

**TOWN OF TWISP
PLANNING COMMISSION
March 11, 2020
REGULAR MEETING**

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

Attendees: Planner Kurt Danison
Commissioner John Battle
Commissioner Steve Kern
Commissioner Mark Tesch
Council Member Hans Smith

Absent: Council Member Alan Caswell
Commissioner Bill Tackman

Additions/Deletions to Agenda: N/A

Public Comment:

Joe Marver asked what restrictions are regarding signage for his business. Planner Danison instructed him that it is available in the Town's Municipal Code. Secretary Amy Grennell told Mr. Marver that she would supply him with a copy of the sign code.

Barry Stromberger of Burgar St stated that he has concerns about his good friend and neighbor wanting to change their house into a nightly rental. He feels that a transient rental should be located more in a commercial setting rather than in a residential neighborhood. He feels that with the current housing crisis it's hard for locals to compete with real estate ventures for people who only want to have a home here sometimes. He understands the need for some to rent their home for help in paying the mortgages, but he would like it not to happen in his neighborhood.

Kelly Graham of Burgar St stated that he is in agreement with what his neighbor Barry Stromberger stated and he worries about the long-term impact of the Town of Twisp if you fast forward it 10 years it's going to be more of a tourists place. He worries that towns haven't planned enough for what it will look like if you allow more tourists to use residential neighborhoods for their lodging. He believes that Twisp is "real" but it's not going to be "real" anymore. He said that Winthrop and Chelan have both passed nightly rental codes and would like to see something here.

Planner Danison responded to the public comment stating that nightly rentals are an allowed use in R1 zone as long as it meets the requirements. He suggested that they take their concerns to the Town Council as they are able to set codes or moratoriums.

Discussion: Letter to Planning Commission from Council:

Planner Danison shared the letter that was from the Town Council to the Planning Commission in response to the letter for the 2020 Workplan. After discussion on what the priorities should be, Danison stated that the letter reorganized their list by priority. The new list is 1. Title 14 – Development Permits 2. Sign Code 3. Comprehensive Plan 4. Zoning Code.

Discussion: Draft Update to Chapter 14.05 TMC:

Planner Danison stated that updating Chapter 14.05 will help clarify restrictions and make it more clear to what you will need for each process. This will also include Development Standards to go along with the subdivision code so that it flows together. The code needs to be cross referenced to ensure accuracy. He created a use chart, the additions are in Red. We will continue to work on this at the next meeting.

Meeting Minutes: 2/12/2020:

Commissioner Tesch moved to approve Meeting Minutes from 2/12/2020. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kern and passed unanimously.

Next Steps:

Next meeting is planned for 04/08/2020.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Battle adjourned the meeting at 6:05pm.


John Battle, Chairman


Amy Grennell, Secretary