

**City of Rainier
Rainier Planning Commission
March 17, 2020
7 p.m.**

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Mike Elliott at 7:00p.m.
Flag salute led by Commissioner Elliott

Roll Call

Those present were Commissioners Elliott, Turner, and Foster. Commissioner Garrison was an excused absence. Staff present was Katrina Van Every and Beth Spurr.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the 03/17/2020 Planning Commission agenda. Turner/Foster 3/0

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve 07/14/2020 Planning Commission minutes Turner/Elliott 3/0

New Business

Public Hearing – Text Amendment TXT2019-01, landscape regulations

Public Hearing opened at 7:04pm.

Katrina provided a presentation discussing the text amendment, which is intended to simplify the city's landscape standards.

Public comment on this matter was received by the following:

- **Carrie Ooms.** Ms. Ooms is building new storage units in town. The proposed landscaping regulations will be more expensive than the current regulations and she would like the Commissioners to continue reviewing the draft regulations. Areas that increase cost to the developer include requiring a professional landscape architect vs. a landscape designer, the types of and spacing for required plantings, irrigation, and maintenance costs (ex, sod vs. bark). Ms. Ooms is also willing to work with the city planner to show how they worked with their landscape designer to reduce costs while still developing a good landscape plan.

Commissioner Elliott indicated that he knows Ms. Ooms personally and that she will do a good job landscaping her development because she cares. But the landscape standards are written for folks we don't know so that people who don't care have to care.

Commissioner Elliott asked whether they can look at Ms. Ooms' plan to find out what changes can be made to the landscape requirements; do more research to better understand cost differences; and consider the threshold at which a landscape architect is required (currently one acre). Commissioner Turner would like a landscaper to come in and talk to the city about the landscaping if at all possible.

Commissioner Elliott made a motion to continue public hearing to the next meeting and direct the City Planner to work with Ms. Ooms to bring additional information to the Planning Commission to consider. Foster/Turner 3/0

Old Business

- Bark yards and storage facilities

Motion made to bring Bark Yard regulations to public hearing April 21, 2020. Foster/Turner 3/0

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm p.m. Elliott/Turner 3/0



Scott Garrison, Chair