

NEWPORT CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

\* October 6th, 2015\*

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Elliott, Robert Currier, Clark Curtis, and Dan Ross

MEMBERS ABSENT: Woodman Page

OTHERS PRESENT: None

7:01 p.m. Chair Charles Elliott called the meeting to order. Bob Currier moved to approve the minutes of the September 15th meeting. This was seconded by Clark Curtis. APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS DECISION

7:05 SUPREME COURT DECISION ON SIGNAGE CONTENT. Chair Elliott brought up that the U. S. Supreme Court ruled Gilbert, Arizona town's sign code violated the First Amendment. The Town Sign Code prohibited the display of outdoor signs without a permit , but exempted 23 categories, 3 relevant to the case. 1) Ideological Signs 2) Political signs and 3) Temporary directional signs. Gilbert's Sign Code treated temporary directional signs less favorably than political and ideological signs. Discussion was about how it affects our Sign Language, and that we allow Real Estate signs. Dan Ross suggested that we be proactive in any changes or decisions we make about signage. No Action was taken.

7:25 p.m. OTHER BUSINESS: Chair Elliott brought up the proposed Chicken bylaws being looked at and we have nothing further on this but we might also want to include other animals (ex: pigs, goats ) if we are going to change the bylaw. No action was taken on this.

Dan Ross brought up his concern on a partial list of errors in the bylaws that should be addressed and gave a list of some examples that should be changed. After discussion it was decided to check and see if it needs to be WARNED to make the corrections. No action taken, further discussion.

Dan Ross also brought up Zoning District Boundary Lines along East Main Street and if they had been adjusted to coincide with lot boundary lines. No action taken.

Chair Elliott brought up a request to change the Zoning at former Dr Soucey's house/office on Sias Ave to Urban Residential. Measure was discussed, with both Dan Ross and Clark Curtis stating they do not approve of spot zoning. No action was taken.

8:24 p.m. NEXT MEETING: The next meeting date will be October 20th at 7:00 P.M.

8:25 Clark Curtis made a motion to adjourn, Bob Currier seconded. APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS DECISION.

Minutes taken and transcribed by Bob Currier

Approved: 

Date: October 22, 2015