

**PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING**

November 17, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Oregon Planning Commission was called to order in the Oregon Municipal Building by Chairman Scott Winckowski. Members present included Mayor Seferian, Yussef Olive, Greg Vriezelaar, and Rick Orovitz. Public Service Director Paul Roman and Commissioner of Building & Zoning James P. Gilmore were also present.

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.

Mayor Seferian moved to approve the October 20, 2020 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Orovitz. All members were in favor.

The following items was on the agenda:

SUE-171-20 Special Use in an R-2 Medium Density Residential District for the purpose of raising of chickens/ducks for use of consumption and living on the property described as Parcel No. 44-70060. The applicants/owners are Kerensa Harwick and David Blakemore. The location is 1810 James Road.

Mr. Gilmore added that they plan on raising ducks and chickens for consumption. The project review committee felt because of the location near the woods it would be a very low impact on the neighboring properties; however, felt it might be wise to put a total on the number of animals to have.

Mr. Orovitz asked if there was any way to get an approximate size of the available back yard.

Mr. Gilmore replied that he does not have an idea on land mass as far as acreage; but does know it is quite large.

Mr. Roman added that he believes they own the property directly behind them.

Mr. Orovitz asked how many chickens they currently have.

Karensa Harwick answered she currently has 15 chickens.

Mr. Orovitz asked if she could give an estimated size on how big the chicken coop is.

Ms. Harwick responded they have the entire shed as well as two additional coops.

Mr. Orovitz stated from the website he went to it is recommended in the coop itself that you have 3 square feet per chicken; so, then if you multiply that by 12 it would be 36 square feet (approximately 6 feet by 6 feet) would be the minimum and it seems like she would be within that realm there. Mr. Orovitz asked if she had ducks or wanted to get ducks and how many.

Ms. Harwick replied she has 5 ducks.

Mr. Orovitz asked if she had an enclosure for them at night also.

Ms. Harwick answered they share the space with the chickens, and they are raised together.

Mr. Orovitz asked if there is an area that is penned in for the fowl.

Ms. Harwick responded yes.

Mr. Orovitz stated she indicated she currently has 15 and two of them are going to go to another home and then minus the rooster will take her down to 12 plus 5 ducks for a total of 17 fowl altogether. He asked if as they progress along does she plan on getting more.

Ms. Harwick replied she has no intention of getting more and she plans on finding new homes for 2 of the ducks as well.

Chairman Winckowski asked if they were to put a maximum amount on the number of animals she could have, would she be comfortable if they say 20.

Ms. Harwick answered yes.

Mr. Orovitz asked what they do with the waste.

Ms. Harwick responded that they dispose of it.

Mr. Orovitz asked Mr. Gilmore if the appropriate number of signs were put out in the neighborhood for the adjacent neighbors.

Mr. Gilmore stated we notified the neighbors within a 300-foot diameter and put a sign up in their yard.

Mr. Olive asked how this came about.

Ms. Harwick replied she was told one of her neighbors complained.

Chairman Winckowski asked if there were any other questions from the Board.

Mr. Vriezelaar asked where this is located.

Mr. Gilmore stated it is in South Shore Park/Plympton Circle and this neighborhood is winding roads with a lot of woods in between near Oregon Inn.

Mr. Vriezelaar stated he thinks 20 is a big number, is against the rooster and thinks 10 or less would be a fairer number.

Mayor Seferian stated before we have used a dozen chickens as a manageable number that makes sense. We took the roosters out of the equation because they generate complaints.

Mr. Olive stated he would also like to see this come back for review after one year.

Chairman Winckowski asked if there were any further questions from the Board or if anyone in the audience wished to speak for or against this matter.

Clarence Berry, 5311 Bay Shore Road, came forward and voiced his support.

Elizabeth Howard, 1810 James Road, stepped forward and spoke in favor of this matter.

Mr. Olive moved to close the public hearing. Mr. Orovitz seconded. There were no objections.

Mayor Seferian then moved to approve SUE-171-20 with the stipulation that a dozen hens and/or female ducks be permitted with a time line of 90 days to come into compliance and this matter to be revisited for review in one year for the permanent SUE. Seconded by Mr. Vriezelaar. All members were in favor. SUE-171-20 was recommended for approval by a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Gilmore noted that this is a recommendation for approval from the Planning Commission and goes to City Council for final approval.

***** With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Lee Scheanwald,
Secretary