



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg AK, 99833

Meeting Minutes Planning Commission

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER:

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: 5 - Dave Kensinger, Otis Marsh, Chris Fry, Sally Dwyer and Richard Burke

Excused: 2 - Yancey Nilsen and Tor Benson

3. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS:

David Whitethorn spoke on his own behalf asking what code amendments are being addressed and what do they mean. Commissioner Fry gave a rundown of the particular codes that will be addressed tonight. Director Cabrera gave information as to where the public may pick up copies of the entire proposed code amendments. Director Cabrera made special note that the zoning maps that Commissioner Fry referred to will not be addressed tonight but at a later date. Brian Paust spoke on his own behalf asking if all the other code amendments were going to be addressed tonight, with Commissioner Fry answering that all amendments would be sent to the Assembly and that all issues would not be discussed tonight.

David Griffin, Southeast Area Lands Manager for the Trust Land Office, gave a rundown of what his office does and what he's in town for. Mr. Griffin asked if it's typical that the code review would happen in such a quick timeframe. Commissioner Kensinger and Commissioner Burke stated that this process has been in the works for about a year with all portions of the amended coding being available during that time. Mr. Griffin also asked if March 6, 2018 was the deadline for comments and that maybe that deadline should be extended so that the public has more time to comment. Commissioner Fry stated that the actual recommendation to the Assembly is April 16, 2018. Discussion.

Mike Etcher spoke on his own behalf regarding Lyon's Road and how the proposed code amendment affects his business. Director Cabrera explained that no ones existing property and its zoning is changing at this point but it would benefit the industrially zoned owner if the neighboring areas were zoned "light industrial" as the setback requirement would not be as stringent for them. Commissioner Kensinger explained how the amendments would make building and zoning easier for the public rather than harder. Discussion.

Joe Aliberti spoke on his own behalf stating concerns with regulating construction in residential areas, specifically zone violations having more teeth to it to protect residential as residential.

Rick Braun spoke on his own behalf stating that as he understands this, the process is to the create new zones, or the zones are redefined and then once the codes are approved, then new zoning maps would be created for the whole Borough. Mr. Braun stated that since people are in the dark as to what is going on, that maybe the Commission could address the different issues, specifically home occupation, bed and breakfast, etc., that were not address in depth before. Director Cabrera gave a rundown on those issues for Mr. Braun. Mr. Braun asked that a hard date be given when the Borough takes over the recording and give an idea as to what will happen to those plats that are in the process already.

Mr. Griffin spoke again to give examples of what the mental health land is about and what they are looking to do. Mr. Griffin asked what the demand currently is for lot size and area. He also recommended that the recording portion be postponed until all coding amendments are done and the zoning maps are completed.

Joe Aliberti spoke on his own behalf again asking what the Commission's plan is for moving forward

with this process. Mr. Aliberti suggested building sizes on residential lots and personal storage being a specified size.

Commissioner Fry asked Director Cabrera if there were to be discussion/vote tonight, with Director Cabrera stated that she would recommend holding off on any vote until the March 6th meeting voting on each amendment at a time.</p>

Code Amendments 2.12.18

Attachments: [Code_Amendments_02.12.2018](#)

Code Amendment email comments

Attachments: [CODE.AMMENDMENT.COMMENTS-2.14.2018](#)

4. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Vice Chair Dave Kensinger, seconded by Commissioner Sally Dwyer, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a vote of

Commission Chair

Date