DAYTON PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

111 S. 1st Street, Dayton, WA

Tuesday, April 15, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER by Joe Huether at 6:33 pm

2. ROLL CALL: Joe Huether, Chair; Greg Abramson, Vice Chair; Candace Jones, Leslie Sweetwood and Carol Rahn all present.

3. MINUTES REVIEW & APPROVAL – Candace made a motion and Carol seconded the motion to accept the minutes for 3/18/2014 as drafted. The commission voted to accept.

4. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS – none

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

Marijuana Related Uses-

Discussion:

Karen Scharer, Planning Director, presented the materials included in the agenda packet to the Planning Commission. Karen explained that the information provided including the draft proposed ordinance is available on the City of Dayton website.

MRSC 3/2014 Table of Cities and Counties Marijuana Regulation Decisions shows that jurisdictions have so far made the following decisions regarding Marijuana:

6 – Allow under existing laws

29 – Permanent Zoning (various zoning schemes and requirements to regulate)

7 – Prohibition against

Remainder of Jurisdictions referenced – Moratorium and/or Interim Zoning

Workgroup w/County has not met since the last PC meeting.

The preliminary map prepared by Planning Dept. showing the approximate locations of a 1000 foot radius from city parks, schools, daycares, library, and an arcade. Much of the city is within these areas and recreational marijuana as regulated by the state would not be allowed.

The draft ord. treats collective gardens very similarly as recreational marijuana (1000 foot radius would apply).

Carol asked about what the County is proposing. Karen indicated that they have not yet issued a draft.

Karen explained that in the draft a new chapter would be added to the Zoning Code stating specific limitations and standards for marijuana use and location.

Candace questioned how this is being coordinated with the County and how we be consistent with what they do. Karen explained that the County has not yet issued a draft. Karen will continue to seek comments from the County, as well as, meet with the county.

Greg questioned if there is any requirement to be consistent and Karen clarified there is not.

Rocky has been requested to review the criminal code provisions and any needed there.

As written, Karen explained that the draft provisions would not regulate an individual's personal medical garden at their home.

The Planning Department has created a webpage with information as provided to the PC and links to other agencies in order to provide the public with information.

Joe asked about current daycare centers. Karen indicated that she is aware of two.

Joe stated that there looks like there is sufficient information to proceed with public hearings on the draft.

Leslie requested that the draft be contained to recreational marijuana not medical marijuana. Karen explained that they would be regulated similarly as recreational marijuana. The commission discussed whether they should be regulated or whether the ordinance should be silent on how medical marijuana is allowed or not allowed under zoning. The commission concluded that reference to medical marijuana as a permitted, accessory, or prohibited use should be removed from the draft.

Conclusion:

The PC directed Karen to remove the medical marijuana reference, so that it is regulated as it currently is under zoning. With that change, the PC decided to schedule a public hearing for the next meeting on May 20, 2014 to hear testimony regarding the draft ordinance. Karen indicated that she has sufficient time to issue SEPA and public notice prior to the hearing.

6. NEW BUSINESS: none

7. OTHER:

8. MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:08 pm. Next Meeting & Public Hearing – May 20, 2014 @ 6:30 pm.

7-9-14

Joe Huether, PC Chair — Date Signed

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Karen J Scharer, Planning Director — Date Signed