

CITY OF OSKALOOSA  
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
December 8, 2014

A regularly-scheduled meeting of the Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Commission for the City of Oskaloosa was called to order at 4:32 p.m. on Monday, December 8, 2014, by Holden Barnhart, at 220 South Market Street, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Holden Barnhart, Pamela Blomgren, Wyndell Campbell, Dawn Collins, Andrew Jensen (arrived at 4:35 p.m.), R.D. Keep and Sarah Tarbell. COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: None. CITY STAFF PRESENT: Wyatt Russell, Dylan Mulfinger and Amie Roberts.

*Minutes from the November 10, 2014 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.*

It was moved by Keep, seconded by Blomgren to approve the November 10, 2014 Planning and Zoning Commission minutes. The Vote was: YES- Barnhart, Blomgren, Campbell, Collins, Keep and Tarbell. NO- None. ABSENT: Jensen. Motion carried.

*Item 3-A Consider an Ordinance amendment to accommodate existing non-conforming residential development in Oskaloosa Municipal Code Sections 17.24.020, 17.32.030, and adding 17.32.070 for discontinued non-conforming development.*

(Jensen entered the meeting). Russell gave an overview of the Ordinance to be amended and explained the changes to 17.24.020 Section C. He also explained the changes to 17.32.03 Section C 2, and 17.32.070 Section A.

The Commission discussed the language in the proposed code change, Blomgren wanted to know the definition of natural disaster. Campbell looked up the definition and said it was “a natural event such as a flood, earthquake, or hurricane that causes great damage or loss of life.” Blomgren did not like the use of the term natural disaster because it could be too restrictive, in the case of a water heater failure that caught a dwelling on fire, which is not a natural disaster, but still was not intentionally done to destroy the dwelling.

Blomgren made a motion, Collins seconded to accept the language and change natural disaster in 17.24.020 Section C to destroyed or damaged excluding purposeful destruction. Barnhart then discussed the language for building within the current footprint without an increase in gross floor area, or building to the setbacks within table 17.08C. Barnhart brought the example of having a large house on a small lot and if we made the owner rebuild to current setbacks that would make them reduce the gross floor area. After further discussion among the Commission, Blomgren made a motion, Collins seconded to amend the original motion to accept new language in the stipulations to read; The dwelling should meet the requirements set forth in Table 17.08C except the minimum lot area; however, if setbacks cannot be met from Table 17.08C, then the dwelling shall be allowed to be built on the original footprint without an increase in the gross floor area. The vote was: YES: Barnhart, Blomgren, Campbell, Collins, Jensen, Keep and Tarbell. NO- None. Motion carried.

*Item 4-A Consider a Resolution Approving a Complete Streets Policy and Directing Staff to Develop Implementation Strategies to Increase the Usability of All Streets for All Modes of Travel for People of All Ages and Abilities in Oskaloosa.*

Mulfinger presented the P&Z Commission with a Complete Streets presentation. After the presentation The Commission asked questions of Mulfinger about Complete Streets. The questions included if

accidents have increased or decreased where cities have adopted the complete streets, definition and example of a road diet, and changes in landscape median examples located at Smokey Row and William Penn University crosswalks.

Further discussion was made about the policy and how it would look. Staff told the Commission that every project is individualized and that this policy is not to give free reign in design, but rather opens options up to help accommodate all modes of transportation within Oskaloosa when doing future projects

Blomgren motioned, Jensen seconded to have City Council receive the resolution for review and approval. The vote was: YES: Blomgren, Collins, Jensen, Keep and Tarbell. NO: Barnhart and Campbell.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p. m.

Minutes by Amie Roberts