

**City of Madras
Planning Commission Meeting
Official Minutes
January 6, 2010**

i. **Call to Order**

The City of Madras Planning Commission public meeting was called to order by Chair Shelly Tack at 7:02 PM on Wednesday, January 6, 2010 in the Madras City Hall Council Chambers.

Members in Attendance: Chair Shelly Tack, Vice Chair Lynn Kowaleski, Commissioners Joe Krenowicz , Kasey Cousins, Allen Hurley, and Richard Ladeby

Members Absent: Commissioner Michelle Varley

Staff Members in Attendance: Nicholas Snead, Community Development Director

ii. **Consent Agenda**

a. **Adoption of Agenda**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER KRENOWICZ TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY LYNN KOWALESKI AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

iii. **Visitor Comments**

Dennis Prince, 755 SW 5th Street, asked the Planning Commission if they had any further questions for him about the proposed Dark Sky text amendments in the Zoning Ordinance (No. 723). The Planning Commission did not have any specific questions about the proposed text amendment which would add a purpose statement to the Lighting Standards. Dennis did encourage the Planning Commission to contact the Madras Pioneer about writing a story about the Dark Sky text amendments. Dennis asked the Planning Commission if it would bother them if he contacted the Pioneer to write the story. No concerns were raised by the Planning Commissioners.

Dennis also asked the Planning Commission if the Lighting standards in the Zoning Ordinance are enforced through code enforcement.

Community Development Director Snead responded by saying that as a general policy, the City is reliant upon citizen complaints for code enforcement. In other words, the City does not proactively look for code violations except when there is an eminent fire, life or safety concern. In those cases, City staff initiates code enforcement.

With respect to the Lighting standards, Director Snead indicated that there were only a few complaints filed with the City about Lighting. Director Snead indicated that they are working on one case right now but no other active code enforcement cases are related to the Lighting standards.

Jim Struck, mentioned the need to review the outdoor lighting at the Madras Skate Park. Specifically, that all of the lights are on during the evening.

Community Development Director Snead noted that the lights at the Skate Park on are on a timer and motion sensor and that they come on for safety purposes. Additionally he mentioned that perhaps a review how the lights are triggered to come on and how many lights come on is necessary. Nick said that he would discuss this issue with the Parks Supervisor.

iv. **Public Hearing**

- a. Text Amendment TA-09-3 Zoning Ordinance #723(continued from December 16, 2009)(Continue to January 20, 2010)
- b. Text Amendment TA-09-4 Subdivision Ordinance #713(continued from December 16, 2009)(Continue to January 20, 2010)

Chair Tack opened the Public Hearing for Text Amendment TA-09-3 and TA-09-4.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER KOWALESKI TO CONTINUE THE PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR TEXT AMEMDMENTS TA-09-3 AND TA-09-4 TO THE JANUARY 20, 2010 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HURLEY AND THE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

v. **Site Visit to Madras Gospel Mission – 63 SE 11th Street**

Chair Tack noted that the Planning Commission would now go to the Madras Gospel Mission for a site visit. Additionally, she noted that the meeting would be adjourned at the Madras Gospel Mission.

The Planning Commission went to the Madras Gospel Mission to tour the facility and ask general questions of the care takers about the operation of the facility. No decisions were made by the Planning Commission during the site visit to the Madras Gospel Mission.

vi. **Additional Discussion**

No additional discussion occurred.

vii. **Adjorn**

Chair Tack adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:30 PM at the Madras Gospel Mission.