TOWN OF EATONVILLE
PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA
Monday, April 21st, 2014 – 7:00 P.M.
COMMUNITY CENTER
305 CENTER STREET WEST

Call to Order

Roll Call: Beach ___ Bertoia ___ Craig ___ Justice ___ Lambert ___ Miller*Excused

Town Staff Present: Mayor Schaub and Kerri Murphy

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the Agenda:

Approval of Minutes: April 7th, 2014

Communications and Announcements:

From Public:

From Commissioners:

Old Business: Review of EMC 18.06 Sign Code

Public Comments:

Staff Comments:

Commissioner Comments:

Next Meeting: May 5th, 2014

** Public Hearing for a Rezone on May 19th*

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CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Lambert called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL
Present: Chairman Lambert, Commissioners Beach, Bertoia, Craig, Justice and Miller.

STAFF PRESENT: Mayor Schaub and Kerri Murphy.

OPENING CEREMONIES – Commissioner Bertoia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Commissioner Beach motion to approve and **Commissioner Justice** seconded. All in favor. (AIF)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Minutes of the March 17th,2014. **Commissioner Beach** motion to approve. **Commissioner Justice** seconded. AIF

CITIZEN COMMENTS – None
COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:
Commissioner Beach explained that at the last meeting he made the statement that "off premises signs" were not allowed. Off premises signs are allowed. EMC 18.060.120. The VanEaton antique store would qualify for an off premise sign because they are not on a main arterial. They would need the permission of the property owner to place the sign on their property. The sign that they would be able to put up is basically a directional sign. It is wide enough and could include two lines. The other example that was given was the landscaping place that was at the Nybo Batch Plant property. They are on a main arterial and would not be allowed to place a sign off premises. Businesses that are not located on collectors or main arterial streets can have off premise signs. He was mistaken in what he said and wants the record to show the correction.

Continued Public Hearing to review the EMC 18.06 – Sign Ordinance.

Chairman Lambert opened the public hearing at 7:07 p.m. and explained that the purpose of this meeting is a continuation of the public hearing on March 17th to discuss the Sign Code. There were no comments from the audience.
Commissioner Beach gave a proposal regarding feather signs adding it was more for discussion than anything else to see how the other commissioners feel about it. He gave several points:

- All feather signs should not extend closer than one foot to the sidewalk or the curb if there is no sidewalk.
- Signs should be no closer than 10 feet to each other.
- Signs should have a maximum height. (Not sure what this should be)
- All signs should be removed when they are damaged in any way.
- All signs must have a permit.

The code has both temporary and permanent signs. He suggested placing these in both categories.

The temporary signs: A business should be allowed a temporary feather sign for each frontage for any six months of the calendar year if all the other signs for the business have permits. Per EMC 18.06. We need to refer to the chapter in the code because of the "grandfathering" and so on that is in that chapter. If businesses do not have permits for the signs that they now have, then they would not be allowed to have feather signs. When they get a permit they need to indicate which months that sign will be displayed.

- A business with no permitted signs or any signs which should be permitted per EMC 18.06 they have two permanent feather signs per frontage. If they later got a permanent sign they would be back to one feather sign per frontage. This would only be for businesses that have no signs or permits. They would be allowed to have permanent feather signs as long as that was the only signage they had.

These are his talking points and not in the form of a motion. He is hoping that the points can be discussed in a concrete way and then charge the town administrators to come up with the ordinance language. Then we could have a meeting and go over that language.

Commissioner Bertoia explained that he had done some leg work talking with other municipalities in the general vicinity, Buckley, Bonney Lake, Orting, Sumner and Fife. They all treat feather flags as banners and it goes well with their town's code. SR 161 that runs through Eatonville businesses, using feather flags for advertising, they require permission from WSDOT. It is expected that the businesses along the 161 arterial make contact with WSDOT. A permit is required for making application for a temporary sign and this is in the code. Since the feather flag signs use a plastic rigid or flexible pole, he would like the town's building department review the construction of the poles as a safety check for minimum requirements. Once the poles are in place have them inspected for proper anchoring to the concrete. Also in the code, maintenance and landscaping around the base of the poles needs to comply with the present code. Keep the area tidy and maintain feather flags material so as to remain attractive. A feather flag cannot obstruct the corner of site triangle (page 18-58.12 of EMC 18.06) The number of feather flags should not more than two. Current code states that banners can get two 30 day placements per calendar year and he suggested that the code be modified to four 30 days placements during the calendar year. Businesses would be required to make temporary sign banner permit application to the town.

Commissioner Miller said if you look at the feather flags at 224th and Mtn. Hwy., they look awful. He suggested a total number for the whole town, give it an arbitrary number, 24 and see how it works out. A total of two feather signs per business, neutral colors with white or black lettering instead of these orange and yellow, basically corporate flag signs is what they are with the company's colors. Setbacks should be a three foot setback from the sidewalk for the pole with the flag itself having a minimum of a one foot setback, so if the wind is blowing toward the sidewalk, the flag itself will be at least a foot off the sidewalk. Height limit, start with an arbitrary number, start with ten feet and see how that works, you can be a little bit flexible and he would like to see the feather signs taken in after business hours not out 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, private property only. If someone does apply for a permit for a sign like that, he would like to see the neighboring two businesses on both sides contacted and allow them to make their comments to make sure it doesn't interfere with their business, if they have a problem with it. The business district only being on the three or four main roads restricting these signs to those streets, nothing residential.

Commissioner Beach felt that there were now a number of ideas and most that seem to be compatible with each other. He felt that all of this should be put into the minutes, what the proposals have been so the commissioners can see them all in writing. Then spend the next meeting trying to put it all together. There are some differences in the way that each of us has approached this. Once the commissioners have it firmly in their minds what they would like to see in the language, then take it to the administration and have them put it into the ordinance language and bring it back to us once it is done.

Commissioner Beach made motion to that effect.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion.

Commissioner Beach restated his motion. We take what the three of the commissioners has said in the minutes, take a look at all of this and reconcile with three approaches together. Once we decide, at least

tentatively, then turn it over to the administration to put it into ordinance form and we can see what that looks like.
Chairman Lambert called for a vote on the motion by Commissioner Beach. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. AIF.
Chairman Lambert felt that everything that was discussed this evening has pertained to feather signs specifically. It seemed like the first half of the public hearing had other items of interest regarding the sign code. He was disappointed that the businesses had not shown up to this meeting.
Commissioner Beach said the only other thing that he could recall were the off premise signs.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:
Commissioner Beach said that he had a quotation he wanted to share by *Aaron Wildavsky*, a Political Scientist and policy analyst. He had a definition of "Planning"; He says that planning is being able to control the future through present acts. The more future results one controls, the more one can be said to have planned effectively.

The next meeting is set for April 21st, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Lambert adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

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Chairman Lambert David Craig – Secretary

ATTEST:

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Kerri Murphy, Recording Secretary