

ZONING AND PLANNING MEETING
Regular Meeting
September 17, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

Roll call: Quiring, Brandvold, Luebbe
Absent: Barbeau, Rosenbaum
Also in attendance: Administrator Welti

Regular meeting called to order by Chairman Quiring at 7:04 p.m.

Agenda – Motion by Brandvold, seconded by Luebbe, to approve the agenda, motion carried.

Minutes from the July 16, 2018 meeting were read.

Motion by Luebbe, seconded by Brandvold to accept the minutes, motion carried.

Chairperson Report From Council Meeting - Chair Quiring and Administrator Welti reported that they informed Council at the July Council meeting that Planning & Zoning discussed fence setbacks in an I-1 district.

Concerns from General Public-none.

Old Business-

- A. I-1 Fence Setbacks - Planning & Zoning Board members discussed the fence setback of an I-1 District. The City of Medford has approximately five properties zoned I-1.

Planning & Zoning members discussed whether it was good policy to change setbacks or zoning code often, creating setbacks to address a current issue versus establishing long-term policy, the I-1 fence setback currently impacts 5-6 properties in Medford, changing one setback may result in changing additional setbacks, maintenance challenges and issues of land created by the setbacks, requiring privacy fencing or screening.

In addition the members discussed whether to allow fences to be built upon the property lines of adjoining light industrial parcels if the property owners sign an agreement. Questions were raised about whether the City would require a written agreement, and how disputes between neighbors would be resolved.

Motion by Luebbe, seconded by Brandvold, to table discussion of the fence setback. Planning & Zoning members will further discuss the light industrial district fence setback issue at a future meeting.

- B. R-1 Fence Setbacks - Planning & Zoning Board members discussed the fence setback of an R-1 District.

Planning & Zoning members discussed the two foot setback causing maintenance challenges and issues.

In addition the members discussed whether to allow fences to be built upon property lines if neighboring property owners signed an agreement. Members discussed the main reason for establishing a two foot setback, based upon past Planning & Zoning minutes and current discussions, was to prevent property owners from building fences on property lines that may lead to disputes in the future. Questions were then raised about whether the City would require a written agreement, and how disputes between neighbors would be resolved.

Motion by Luebbe, seconded by Brandvold, to table discussion of the fence setback. Planning & Zoning members will further discuss the R-1 district fence setback issue at a future meeting.

New Business- none

Adjourn the meeting- Motion by Brandvold, seconded by Luebbe to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m., motion carried.

Next Regular Planning & Zoning meeting is Monday, November 19, 2018 at 7:00 PM