

City of West Richland
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2023
**Meeting was held in person and available by zoom*

1. Call to order / attendance: Chair C. Utecht called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Members Present:

Chad Utecht, Chair
Dan O’Neill, Vice Chair
Colton Brady, Commissioner
Jared Retter, Commissioner

Members Absent:

Vacant
Michael Peterson, Commissioner
Nancy Aldrich, Commissioner

Staff Present:

Eric Mendenhall, Community Development Director
Elisha Ransom, Planner
Jessica Bates, Staff Recorder

2. Approval of the Agenda:

Commissioner C. Brady moved to approve the agenda. Vice Chair, D. O’Neill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3. Approval of the minutes of June 14, 2023:

Commissioner J. Retter moved to approve the June 14th, 2023, minutes. Commissioner D. O’Neill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4. Old Business: None

Community Development E. Mendenhall made an announcement that item B on the agenda was just a discussion item and that no public comment would be taken, and they were invited to come to next month’s hearing to provide public comment.

5. New Business:

A: Public Hearing to consider Text Amendment File no:TXT-005-2023 Event Center

Chair C. Utecht opened the Public Hearing at 6:02 pm.

Planner E. Ransom presented Text Amendment File no: TXT-005-2023 Event Center. Staff recommends that Planning Commission approves recommendation that Council adopt the proposed text amendment to allow event centers as a conditional use in the RL-40 zone on parcels larger than 10 acres.

Resident Dan Richey, 508 Austin Drive West Richland, WA 99353 was in favor of proposed text amendment.

Resident Peggy Panisko, 901 Bombing Range Rd West Richland, WA 99353 is opposed to this text

amendment, and she suggests he goes through a rezone since it effects the city as a whole.

Chair: C Utecht closed the Public Hearing at 6:21 pm.

Commissioner, D. O'Neill made a motion to recommend that Council approve the proposed text amendment TXT -005-2023 to allow event centers as a conditional use in the RL-40 zone on parcels larger than 10 acres. Commissioner C. Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

B: Text Amendment to allow Recreational Marijuana Retail Sales in the Light Industrial Zone-Discussion

Community Development, Director Mendenhall lead the discussion on Text Amendment to allow Recreational Marijuana Retail Sales in the Light Industrial Zone.

6. Announcements, Reports and Comments: None

7. Upcoming Meetings and Events: August 10, 2023

8. Adjourn: 6:37 pm.

Chad Utecht, Chair



Jessica Bates, Staff Recorder


