**UMATILLA PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**FEBRUARY 22, 2022**

**6:30 PM**



1. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

* 1. **Present**: Commissioners; Kelly Nobles, Keith Morgan, Bruce McLane, Devon Mitchell, Jennifer Cooper, Heidi Sipe
  2. **Absent**: Hilda Martinez
  3. **Late arrival:**
  4. **Staff present:** Senior Planner, Jacob Foutz, Building Permit Specialist, Marisela Morales.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3.a [January 25, 2022 Minutes](https://d2kbkoa27fdvtw.cloudfront.net/umatilla-city/5970bb4fc134b797cc1b1660aedd77fd0.pdf) *Suggested Action: Approval*

Motion to approve by Commissioner Morgan, seconded by Commissioner Cooper. Motion Carried by consensus vote 5-0.

1. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
2. **NEW BUSINESS**

5.a [Milani Estates Subdivision SUB-4-21](https://d2kbkoa27fdvtw.cloudfront.net/umatilla-city/6634d6ab3c800ec150c681333ea7af820.pdf) *Suggested Action:*

*The applicant, Pedro Torres, request approval of a tentative plat for a residential subdivision to divide one existing parcel into 18-lots for residential development. The applicant intends to develop the lots with Townhomes. The property is identified as Tax Lot 200 on Assessors Map 5N2814BB.*

Chair McLane opened the hearing and read into the record the Public Hearing Opening Statement and asked if there was any challenge to jurisdiction, conflict of interests, or ex-parte contacts.

Chair McLane opened the hearing and asked for the staff report

Planner Foutz reviewed the staff report provided to commission.

Chair McLane asked for applicants’ testimony

Pedro Torres of 1325 Kiliam loop, Woodburn Oregon 97071 explained that they are looking to hit the first-time homebuyer market with the proposed townhomes.

Chair McLane asked for public testimony in favor

Noe Garcia of 426 Wenatchee street, Richland, WA stated he owned the property to the south and he was there to learn more about the process and if his property was going to be affected in any way but stated his questions were answered with the staff report.

Chair McLane asked for testimony in opposition and neutral. None

Chair McLane called for a motion to close the hearing of SUB-4-21. Motion to close by Commissioner Nobles. Second by Commissioner Morgan. Motion carried 5-0

Chair McLane asked for any comments or deliberation.

Commissioner Nobles asked Planner Foutz what the easement serving the four flag lots in the northwest corner of the property is.

Planner Foutz explained that the easement will be paved and will be required to have sidewalks.

Commissioner Morgan asked why the applicant is working here in Umatilla

The applicant responded that they are here because they have been working in Pasco building subdivisions.

Commissioner Nobles stated that the commission is glad to have the applicant here in the City of Umatilla.

Commissioner Sipe stated that she is excited to see higher density construction and construction in McNary.

Chair McLane asked about the southwest corner of lot 10 and what is going to happen with the potential property line dispute.

Planner Foutz stated that this is something that was noticed by staff but was not included in the findings as it is not a City conflict. Planner Foutz explained that notice was sent to the property owner to the west.

Commissioner Nobles stated that the property owner to the west had the opportunity to comment the current hearing but did not come.

Chair McLane called for a motion to approve SUB-4-21 with the associated conditions of approval. Motion to approve by Commissioner Cooper. Seconded by Commissioner Sipe. Motion carried 5-0

1. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Commissioner Nobles asked about bucks’ corner and if there is any update

Planner Foutz explained that the property owner decided to clean up the property but did not have any plans at the time, the city is looking to meet with the property owner to see if there is something that can be brought into the area.

Chair McLane asked if staff have reached out to other jurisdictions about chickens yet.

Planner Foutz stated that they have not yet but will before the first public meeting to discuss chickens.

1. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Commissioner Nobles updated the commission on the regional trail plan and stated that they are applying for a grant to remove Russian olive trees.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 6:54pm

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