

The City of Montesano Planning Commission met on Thursday, July 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Members present: Chairperson Ken Albert, Will Foster, Doris Torkelson and Barb Ford

Excused Absence: Candi Bachtell

Also Present: Community Development Coordinator Mike Wincewicz
City Administrator Kristy Powell

A motion to approve the minutes for the 6/18/15 meeting was made by Will Foster and seconded by Doris Torkelson. So moved. Motion carried.

The Shoreline Master Program Update (SMPU) was discussed. The final plan is coming together. The SMPU will come to the Planning Commission around September at which time the Citizen Advisory Committee will be invited to give an update to the Commission. The Commission will meet with the City's consultant and then hold public hearings. A workshop will then be held with the City Council. The Commission will, upon completion of this process, work up a recommendation for the Council.

Light Industrial Zone was briefly discussed. The Commission has previously inventoried available land. Some parcels are now for sale but somewhat high priced. Two downtown businesses need to expand but have nowhere to go but don't want to leave town. Research needs to be pursued for possibilities of funds so micro loans would be available to allow expansion of existing businesses or startup of new businesses.

Chairperson Albert updated the Commission regarding the renewal of his and Bachtell's expiring terms. The Mayor is recommending to the Council that two new citizen's be appointed to the expiring terms and not to reappoint them. This issue will be discussed again at the next City Council meeting on 7/28/15. Foster will attend the meeting.

New businesses in town – Liquor Store, RV Park and Meat Market/Deli.

The need of a dog park, directional signage and bike trails were briefly discussed. Mike advised that Sani cans are now in place at Fleet Park.

A motion to adjourn was by by Ford and seconded by Foster. So moved. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Debbie Wisdom
Planning Commission Secretary