



HOUGHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
January 23, 2006

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Rick Whitney. Members present: Chair Rick Whitney, Bill Goggins, David Hess, James Nickle, Betsy Pringle, Elsie Weber. Absent/excused: Hugh Givens Eric Shields, Stacy Clauson and contract planner Michael Bergstrom represented the Department of Planning and Community Development.

READING AND/OR APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

None

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AGENDA

Chair announced the agenda.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None

WORK PROGRAM REVIEW

None

REQUESTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

HEARINGS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Chapter 117 Kirkland Zoning Code – Personal Wireless Service Facilities – File #IV-03-13

Mr. Bergstrom reported on an e-mail he received from Gary Abrahams on Sunday evening, January 22, 2006, that spoke to utility pole conduits and glu-lam poles, and panel antennas on rooftops as well as some editing issues on the Code. Mr. Bergstrom provided his replies to Mr. Abrahams' issues and an errata sheet to correct those issues brought to his attention as well as other issues concerning definitions of terms used in the regulations.

Mr. Bergstrom also referred to his January 17, 2006 memo to Mr. Shields and the Council and asked if Council had any questions. Ms. Pringle questioned the exemptions for satellite dish antennas described in Chapter 117.25 of KZC and inquired as to where the "1 meter" measurement came from. She feels that this is too large and antennas of this size would be unsightly in yards. It was stated that the satellite dish antennas may be covered under Chapter 115 as they may not be considered a personal wireless service. Mr. Shields will pursue this question and report back to the Council.

Ms. Clauson read a section of the Code that spoke to the height of dish antennas. It states that rod or dish antennas may not be placed above the maximum height allowed unless approved by the Planning Director. It must be demonstrated that the antennas will not impair views across subject property and that the antennas must be placed above the roofline in order to function properly. Neighbors could appeal any variance of the Code through the same appeal procedures as are applicable in Process One. Mr. Shields states he has not made this type of exemption decision in his 13 years on the job.

Chair raised the question as to who gets notice for a Process One permit. Ms. Clauson said that Process One notification is to adjoining property owners, publication in the newspaper and public notice signs posted on site.

MOTION: Recommend to City Council to adopt the Personal Wireless Regulations as presented by Staff, incorporating the most recent changes presented by Mr. Bergstrom. It was moved, seconded and passed with one abstention.

Council noted a concern of the "1 meter" exemption under Chapter 117.25 and advised Staff that this exemption would remain under their scrutiny.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Rick Whitney, Chair

Eric Shields, Planning Director
Department of Planning and Community Development

Recording Secretary: Marlene Eisele