



# CITY OF EAGLE POINT

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## OREGON

### EAGLE POINT PLANNING COMMISSION

17 BUCHANAN AVENUE SOUTH, EAGLE POINT, OREGON

### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**APRIL 20, 2010**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER.**

Chairman Collins called the regular meeting of the Eagle Point Planning Commission to order at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioners present: Suzi Collins, Rodney Goodman, Steve Hunter and Sharon Coupe.

Commissioners absent: Trenton Douglas, David McFall and Bryan Coppedge.

Staff Present: David Hussell, City Administrator; Robert Miller, Public Works Director; Bunny Lincoln, Principal Planner and Sara Miller, Planning Aide.

#### **2. FLAG SALUTE.**

Commissioner Coupe led the flag salute.

#### **3. ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.**

There were none.

#### **4. PUBLIC HEARINGS.**

Chairman Collins announced the public hearing.

- 4.1 REGIONAL PROBLEM SOLVING PLAN (RPS)** – A public hearing to accept testimony and consider a non-final recommendation to be submitted to the

Jackson County Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners on the adoption of the Regional Problem Solving (RPS) Plan, a product of which will be to create Urban Reserve Areas to accommodate a doubling of the region's population. The hearings are not defined as a land use action under State law.

Resolution No. 2010-18

Applicant: City of Eagle Point

Chairman Collins read the opening script; a copy of the signed script is on file with the planning department.

Chairman Collins called for any conflicts of interest to be declared by Commission members. None were declared.

Chairman Collins called for the staff report. Bunny Lincoln explained the hearing and eventual adoption/denial process. She went on to review the Regional Problem Solving (RPS) timeline that began in 2002, which determined the need and appropriate areas for possible growth. She noted that the Planning Commission would make a recommendation to City Council, Council would then hold a hearing to adopt/deny the Resolution, leaving the record open until the plan is fully approved by Jackson County.

David Hussell noted for the record that there had been six workshops, one community forum, and eight public hearings so far in the RPS process, not including the present meeting or the upcoming Council meeting. He explained that all the previous meetings had been to get to the point of recommendation. He added that in addition to all of those Eagle Point meetings, there had been countless other meetings over the course of years throughout Jackson County discussing regional expansion.

Bunny Lincoln and David Hussell gave a power point presentation outlining the efforts of RPS, the process, purpose, maps and potential future growth areas. It was called to Staff's attention that on the RPS Planning Horizon slide, the Eagle Point population 1900 should be 1990. David Hussell explained that projecting the future population of Eagle Point allows the city to receive adequate land to responsibly plan future growth. He went on to explain the process used to arrive at the current potential growth areas, which began with 6900 acres and was scaled back using a series of filtering exercises. There was discussion regarding Oregon Department of Transportation's (ODOT) opposition to growth on the west side of Highway 62, David Hussell explained that they had agreed to allow future light industrial uses adjoining current light industrial areas. David Hussell went on to review state land use criteria for growth as well as criteria set by Council.

Bunny Lincoln called for questions regarding the slide presentation. John Lewis, 454 E Barton Rd, Eagle Point, Oregon asked about the area north of Barton Road extending to Rolling Hills currently about five acre parcels. David Hussell explained that if the area were brought into an urban reserve, and subsequently involved in an Urban Growth Boundary expansion all lands would be judged equally.

Bunny Lincoln noted that Staff had met all requirements as participants in the RPS plan, and the plan as it has been drafted has withstood the tests of both time and criteria, and should go forward to Jackson County.

Chairman Collins called for audience testimony. Tom Sisul, Sisul Engineering, 3501 Excel Drive, Suite 240, Medford, Oregon, 97504 approached the Commission to offer testimony. He referenced his letter submitted as record and explained that he doesn't feel that the Staff should choose certain areas only because ODOT does or does not agree with growth in certain areas, but rather should choose them based on their merits to Eagle Point. He believes that the LI district should be expanded to allow more diverse growth.

Commissioner Coupe asked if there were any solutions to Mr. Sisul's concerns. Bunny Lincoln answered that there were no solutions at this time, but that in the future there would be opportunities to amend the code. David Hussell noted that the Eagle Point currently has a working relationship with ODOT, and there would most likely be growth opportunities on the west side of the highway that can't be foreseen at this time. He emphasized that at this stage the biggest focus is defining what land is needed, and getting the plan adopted through Jackson County.

There was discussion regarding ODOT's concerns about the cross traffic conflict across Highway 62.

Chairman Collins called for a motion to continue or close the hearing. Commissioner Coupe moved that the hearing be closed. Commissioner Goodman seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. Roll Call: Rodney Goodman, aye; Steve Hunter, aye; Sharon Coupe, aye; Suzi Collins, aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Collins called for a motion to approve or deny the proposal. Commissioner Coupe moved that the Commission recommend the City Council adopt the Resolution as submitted. Commissioner Goodman seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. Roll Call: Steve Hunter, aye; Suzi Collins, aye; Rodney Goodman, aye; Sharon Coupe, aye. The motion passed unanimously.

## **5. CONSENT CALENDAR.**

### **5.1 Minutes of Previous Meeting – January 19, 2010.**

Chairman Collins called for a motion on the Consent Calendar. Commissioner Goodman moved that the consent calendar be approved. Commissioner Hunter seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. Roll Call: Sharon Coupe, aye; Suzi Collins, aye; Rodney Goodman, aye; Steve Hunter, aye. The motion passed unanimously.

## **6. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR.**

There were none.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

There was none.

**8. NEW BUSINESS.**

There was none.

**9. REPORTS FROM PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS.**

No reports were presented from members.

**10. REPORTS FROM STAFF.**

Bunny Lincoln announced that if the Commissioners were interested in helping with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities they could contact herself or Mayor Sherman.

**11. INFORMATION.**

There was no information to come before the Commission.

**12. NEXT MEETING.**

Bunny Lincoln announced that there would be a special meeting of the Planning Commission held on April 29, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Chairman Collins announced that the next regular meeting of the Planning Commission was scheduled for May 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

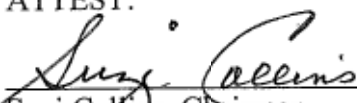
**13. ADJOURNMENT.**

There was no other business to come before the Planning Commission and Chairman Collins adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sara Miller, Planning Aide

ATTEST:

  
Suzi Collins, Chairman