MEMBERS: Virginia Dideum, Don Frank, Terry Graff, Sharon Kloepfer, Russ Taggard, Judy Schector, and John Mesberg

STAFF: Carole Connell, Angoleana Brien

Minutes

The regular meeting of the Gearhart Planning Commission for Thursday, September 8, 2022, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Virginia Dideum. *Members and staff were present.*

CONSENT AGENDA
On **MOTION** by Graff, 2nd by Taggard, the consent agenda for September 8, 2022, was approved by unanimous motion. Said agenda approved Minutes for August 11, 2022 and, financial report for August 28, 2022. There was no correspondence.

STAFF REPORT
None

COMMISSIONERS REPORT
None

GOALS LIST
Connell gave a brief review of the Elks Plan. Commission discussed the items on page fourteen for the city to mitigate the elk issues to decide which ones would be best to address first.

Dideum said she would like the subdivision ordinance reviewed to see if there are things that can be done up in the north area up near where the city is talking to expand the UGB. She said that is the natural path for the Elk to go. She said the corridor comes along the creek and up along Pine Hurst, then moving north to Surf Pines.

Kloepfer said she knows Neil Maine, that says there is the same circuit they do that takes a week to ten days. This Elks Plan does not have any information in it on the pattern of where the elk move. She also said that one of the elk has a tracking collar on it, and that can be tracked by the fish and wildlife personnel. She would like to see the commission make decisions based on that information. She would like information on where they go, what they do, and where their food is before the commission makes any decisions.

Dideum said maybe to talk with other jurisdictions to see what kind of information they have.

Connell agreed and said that we should also talk about fish and wildlife.

Mesberg believes it's good that the commission is focusing on numbers seven and eight, and in order to do so, the commission needs more data.

Frank said, for example, if we do bring the corridors to the city, maybe there is a justifiable reason to create a corridor and open up some space and changes to the ordinance.

Graff would like more data and be educated and asked some to come to the next meeting.

Taggard said that without more knowledge they could be creating more of a problem without knowing what they're doing.

Schector thinks we need to keep in mind what are we trying to accomplish, and what the purpose is. The purpose talks about improving public safety and reducing property damage, and keeping them viable.

Connell said and learning to live with them and how do we keep that more pleasant.

The commissioners final outcome of the discussion was to get more education and maybe get someone from fish and wildlife involved and maybe come to the meeting to speak so that the commission could ask questions about what can be done and what would be useful. They don't have enough information to make any decisions at this current time.

Dideum mentioned that on the goals list, the "Rewrite and Update Subdivision Ordinance" She would like to see it reviewed and updated if possible.

Frank mentioned he would have the "Draft a statement summarizing the vision of the Comprehensive Plan for distribution" on the goals list, he should have that ready for sharing with the commission next month.

Connell said to make note that at the next meeting the commission will have a presentation by commissioner Frank to present a draft statement summarizing the vision of the Comprehensive Plan for distribution.

VISITORS COMMENTS
None

PUBLIC HEARINGS
None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
None

NEW BUSINESS
None

CONCERNS OF THE COMMISSION
Dideum shared that on September 28th, there will be candidates at the Seaside City Hall for Seaside and Gearhart applicants running for city council. They start at 6:30 and will run about an hour and a half, and will be live-streamed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

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Angoleana R Brien, Secretary,

10/15/2022
Approved