# City of Oregon City

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## Meeting Minutes
## Planning Commission

**Monday, January 28, 2013** | **7:00 PM** | **Commission Chambers**

## 1. Call To Order

*Vice Chair McGriff called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.*

**Present:** 4 - Damon Mabee, Denyse McGriff, Robert Mahoney and Tom Geil

**Absent:** 3 - Paul Espe, Zachary Henkin and Charles Kidwell

**Staffers:** 2 - Tony Konkol and William Kabeiseman

## 2. Public Comments

*Paul Edgar, resident of Oregon City, discussed the possibility of high speed passenger rail coming through Oregon City and what it meant to the City and the existing tracks. Most likely extra tracks would be put in along the I-5 corridor. Oregon City could become the south station with more people coming through. Canemah was a national register district and if it came through Canemah a lot of historic houses would have to be taken out. It would make crossing the tracks problematic and walls would need to be put up to make it safer for higher speeds. He thought it should be looked at by some experts who would be representing Oregon City and its neighborhoods. Both freight and passenger rail were needed and the City needed to think smart to make it happen, such as using the Canemah Bowl. He requested putting the topic on a future agenda for more discussion.*

## 3. Public Hearing

**3a.** PC 13-008 LE 12-1 Administration and Procedures Amendment

*Bill Kabeiseman, City Attorney, explained the legislative public hearing process and asked if the Commission had any conflict of interest to declare. There was none.*

*Vice Chair McGriff opened the public hearing.*

*Tony Konkol, Community Development Director, said this hearing had been continued from December 2012. The City Commission had discussed this in a Work Session where the Commission decided not to pursue the option for a Hearings Officer and that proposal had been removed. If the changes were approved, they would be taken to the City Commission on February 20. The changes staff was requesting approval for were in regard to the appeal process for Type 2 decisions to be consistent with the Oregon Revised Statutes.*

*There was discussion regarding what constituted a Type 2 decision and how the hearing was noticed.*

*William Gifford, resident of Oregon City, questioned if there was a burden of proof for*

*claiming a person was adversely affected by the Type 2 decision.*

*Mr. Kabeiseman explained what State law required for proving one was adversely affected.*

*There was no further public testimony.*

*Vice Chair McGriff closed the public hearing.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Mabee, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, to approve LE 12-01. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Damon Mabee, Denyse McGriff, Robert Mahoney and Tom Geil

**3b.** PC 13-007 CP 12-01 and DP 12-01

*Mr. Konkol stated the applicant requested the hearing be continued to February 25, 2013, for additional time to work on the outstanding issues specifically the fencing material, height, and size around the Silver Oaks building. An extension of the 120 day rule had also been granted. He entered an email into the record from Ms. Epstein, representative for the County, as Exhibit 1 which was the request to continue the hearing.*

*Ken, resident of Oregon City, thought a 12 foot fence was ridiculous, extreme, and in excess. He did not want a 12 foot fence in the neighborhood and thought there should be another option. He thought the fence should be placed two feet inside the curb.*

*William Gifford, resident of Oregon City, said the Neighborhood Association came to the conclusion that there was not a need for a 12 foot fence along a pedestrian walkway in that neighborhood.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Mabee, seconded by Commissioner Geil, to continue CP 12-01 and DP 12-01 to February 25, 2013. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Damon Mabee, Denyse McGriff, Robert Mahoney and Tom Geil

## 4. Communications

*Mr. Konkol announced the State's Park and Recreation Commission was taking a tour of the Blue heron site on January 29. The South End Concept Plan meetings and process was ongoing. The land use process for the Transportation System Plan update was beginning with the goal for the Plan to be adopted in July. Staff had a pre-application meeting with Walmart, but no application had been submitted yet.*

*Vice Chair McGriff reported on Citizen Advisory Team meetings. There would be an Open House on February 27 to discuss the South End Concept Plan.*

*Commissioner Mabee said a meeting on the McLoughlin Phase 2 Gateway project would be held on January 29.*

## 5. Adjournment

*Vice Chair McGriff adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.*