

**SANDPOINT PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
5:00 P.M. CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 6, 2018**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tom Riggs, Slate Kamp, Mark Remmetter, Danny Strauss, Cate Huisman, Tom Russell

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Planning & Community Economic Director Aaron Qualls, Planner Ryan Shea (minutes)

Chairman Riggs called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**Matters from the Public:** None.

**Approval of the Consent:**

Strauss said that the sentence on page 6 of the January 16 minutes worded as “determined it was not in the public interest” should be amended to “determined it was not in conflict with the public interest.”

Commissioner Russell moved to approve as amended and Commissioner Huisman seconded to approve the minutes of January. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Commissioner Huisman moved to approve the final decision of CUP17-01, seconded by Remmetter. **Motion passes unanimously.**

**Agenda Item C: Bonner County Planning Department Code Amendments**

Shea explained that the county is required to solicit comments from the city when development, code changes, etc. occurs in the Area of City Impact (ACI). Shea said that the following proposed code changes could present a number of potential issues for the ACI. Shea briefly went over the proposed code changes.

The commission recessed at 5:30 pm in order for Agenda item D workshop to begin.

The commission reconvened at 7:25 pm.

Staff continued to briefly go over each code change proposed by the county. The commission discussed concerns regarding large commercial operations being permitted in the ACI and large numbers of employee housing being allowed with those uses.

Russell commented that the proposed variance and exceptions appeared to give a lot of power to county staff and took the public out of the process. Russell and Strauss agreed

that administratively granting variances in the ACI could be problematic without proper city review.

Huisman moved that the Sandpoint Planning Commission recommend to the City Council that the Bonner County Planning Department be advised the City has the following comments on the proposed code amendments:

1. That larger commercial industrial operations, and any housing associated with them, are incompatible with Sandpoint's ACI, and that food/dairy products processing and meat processing over 2,000 square feet should only be allowed in commercial and industrial zones.
2. That administrative variances be treated as regular variances within the ACI for purposes of comment and review periods.

Seconded by Remmetter. **Motion passes unanimously.**

**Matters from Staff:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.