

**JEROME COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MINUTES
NOVEMBER 07, 2022
THE JACK NELSEN CONFERENCE ROOM, JEROME COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman: Brett Thompson
Present: Janet Bolich, Becky Dean, and Trish Heath
Absent: Arlen Morgan, Oscar Carranza
Staff Attendees: Nancy Marshall, Administrator; Kacie Buhler, Assistant Administrator; Denice Carrillo, Ryan Christensen

6:00 PM JARED BAKE, MOONLIGHT MOUNTAIN RECOVERY; SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A DRUG AND ALCOHOL REHABILITATION FACILITY

Chairman Brett Thompson reopened the public hearing for a Special Use Permit presented by Jared Bake, Executive Director of Moonlight Mountain Recovery, for a Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Facility for more than 8 and up to 24 residents at 6:00 p.m. Chairman Thompson requested Mr. Bake to return for rebuttal.

Jared Bake affirmed that he was sworn in at the previous meeting. Mr. Bake thanked the Commission and Public for attending and listening to what Moonlight Recovery stands for. Mr. Bake stated a lot of testimony heard from the public at the previous meeting was repetitive and irrelevant to the Special Use Permit request. He said the discrimination that was heard was recorded and documented and might play a role in future discussions. Mr. Bake stated that diagnosable Drug and Alcohol addictions are a substance disorder known as SUDS and that the assumption of criminality is illegal. He addressed the comment that this would not be a problem if eight blind people were at the property. He clarified the protections his clients have. He said one of the solutions his company has discussed to provide help to more clients is to divide into two or more separate houses in close proximity to each other. Mr. Bake stated they would ultimately like to have 24 residents but are open to working up to that number. He said his staff has given the Sheriff's Department their phone number and welcomed any calls with any concerns but have not received any. He said he called and verified that while there have been many calls to the Sheriff's Department, no police reports have been filed. Ms. Marshall cautioned Mr. Bake that he can only discuss items from before the beginning of the hearing or at the hearing. He confirmed it was. He said the number one crime that occurs in Jerome is substance abuse. He said they have not created the hazard but are working to solve the problem. Mr. Bake said some of the housing prices have gone up and some have gone down, regardless of Moonlight Mountain's presence and gave examples. Ms. Marshall cautioned Mr. Bake again on only discussing prior information. Mr. Bake referenced statements made by the public in the last meeting. He said that no matter what type of program they are, the community does not want it next door. Mr. Bake discussed the different types of services and facilities. Mr. Bake repeated that this facility is not a closed campus facility, and they are not an RTC facility. He addressed staffing ratios. Mr. Bake stated there are other facilities if you have the right insurance or enough money, but options are extremely limited. He has confirmed through the Meridian Crisis Intervention Program and District 5 Probation and Parole that there are not enough facilities. He read three testimonials from clients. He said at Moonlight Mountain they are trying to provide recovery in a home environment. He talked about group activities and community