

**JEROME COUNTY RECREATION ZONE COMMITTEE MINUTES
JUNE 30, 2021
THE JACK NELSEN CONFERENCE ROOM, JEROME COUNTY COURT HOUSE**

CALL TO ORDER

Facilitator: Art Brown

Present: Bill Baker, Oscar Carranza, John Reed, and Brett Thompson

Absent: Becky Dean

Staff Attendees: Nancy Marshall, Administrator; Kacie Buhler, Assistant Administrator; and Julie Lehmann, Administrative Assistant

OPEN DISCUSSION

Art Brown called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. The Committee discussed the Minutes from the June 23, 2021 Meeting.

M/S/C John Reed motioned to accept the Minutes as written. Bill Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Access Discussion (Tabled for continued conversation with Mike Seib)

Development Standards

Art Brown asked if there was anything in standards that they didn't get through last time. Nancy Marshall stated that they had just finished Sanitation and Refuse Facilities and need to work on signage. She reminded them they had the Signs Ordinance from Chapter 16 in last week's packet. She stated that the Chapter is very difficult to maneuver. She suggested new Standards for Signs in the Rec Zone because the Rec Zone is not currently listed in the Ordinance. She asked if the Committee wanted her to explain the difference between On-Site and Off-Site Signs. John Reed stated that the signs along the freeway were Off-Site Signs because they were not located at the business referred to. Nancy Marshall explained the difference between On-Premise Signs and Off-Premise Signs. John Reed asked about the political signs. Nancy Marshall stated that real estate and political signs are exempt. She said that those are regulated by the state. However, the signs cannot be in the right-of-way and there is a time limit on how long the political signs can be displayed.

Nancy Marshall asked if the Standards currently in the Ordinance are ok or if the Committee wants to make changes. Bill Baker asked about monument signs for Special Sites that are in the Highway right-of-way. Art Brown stated those are done through the State or the Highway District. Oscar Carranza asked about putting an Off-Premise Sign on a trailer or truck. Nancy Marshall stated that the County doesn't regulate them, and if the Committee doesn't want them in the Rec Zone that needs to be addressed in the Standards. Art Brown stated that in 16-3.11 of the Ordinance it says "only public owned signs shall be placed in a public right-of-way, [i.e., traffic control and directional signs]. He noted traffic control signs on private property shall be permitted not to exceed six square feet." Brett Thompson stated that he thought there would be a lot of requests for Off-Premise Signs because of the nature of the Rec Zone services and commercial businesses and because they are off of the highway. He stated that it should be addressed. Oscar Carranza agreed and stated that they should limit the Off-Premise Signs on vehicles because it becomes an eyesore. Art Brown asked that in 16-5.06 were there any parameters there that they wanted to include or exclude in that Standard, if not then they just need to add 'Rec Zone' in the

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existing Ordinance. Brett Thompson stated that they could use the 16-6.04 and tweak it to fit the Rec Zone. Nancy Marshall stated that 16-6.04 applied to smaller Off-Premise Signs, and 16-5.06 applied more to billboards. Art Brown stated that the difference between the two is Permitted and Special Use Permits which have to go before the Planning and Zoning Commission. Nancy Marshall asked if the Committee wanted to use the current standards or create their own. Bill Baker suggested that they should create their own. They should have Permitted at a certain small size and over that size would be Special Use Permit. Brett Thompson asked if the Highway Districts would get involved, and if that would be a requirement of a Zoning Permit. Nancy Marshall stated that at a certain size it has to have a Building Permit. She stated that in some instances, billboards may be permitted as long as Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) is ok with it, however ITD says it has to be approved through Planning and Zoning first. She said that if a Building Permit or a Zoning Permit is required, approval from the Highway District is also required. Art Brown stated that there are setbacks for signs in the Ordinance, ten feet from the right-of-way and thirty feet from the property line. Bill Baker suggested that Permitted Signs shouldn't have any lighting, those should require a Special Use Permit. Brett Thompson said there is a lighted sign on the golf course and more will be coming. Nancy Marshall stated that everyone wants a digital sign now, and the lighting in the sign is going to be more of an issue. Bill Baker asked about the setback distance in the line-of-sight on a corner. Nancy Marshall stated that if they keep the thirty-foot setback from the property line, there shouldn't be a problem. Art Brown said that Planning and Zoning still gets feedback from the Highway District on signs. Nancy Marshall stated that they should look at size, setbacks, illumination, installation based on line-of-sight, and signs they don't want like on a semi or trailer. Art Brown stated there is nothing in the Ordinance about portable signs, but they can decide what they want in each Rec Zone. John Reed stated that the size of the sign should match what is in the surrounding area. Art Brown stated 16-3.11 talks about directional signs that can't be over six square feet. Nancy Marshall stated that for signs directing people to Special Sites, a person could ask ITD to put the sign up. Bill Baker suggested that the Rec District could ask ITD also. Oscar Carranza stated that ITD told him that it was an expectation that there were services in the larger cities and that they would be taking down the KOA signs. Nancy Marshall stated if that was the case, then maybe the County should be a little more lenient with Off-Premise Signs. Brett Thompson stated that they'll have to be careful that there doesn't get to be too many signs. Art Brown described an issue with a road name under two jurisdictions, and they were asked to rename the road, and that could be an issue in the future. Brett Thompson asked if they could have designated sign areas. Nancy Marshall stated that the County would have to purchase a small piece of the property to put signs on. Brett Thompson then asked if they could do clusters, or a sign that addressed several businesses. Nancy Marshall suggested having one sign per parcel. Art Brown stated that they could have a monument sign. Brett Thompson suggested that if the state has become more restrictive, maybe the County doesn't have to be as restrictive. Art Brown stated that there could be a directional sign and a sign advertising the business or Site. He clarified that the decision was made for the Rec Zone to have their own sign Standards. Oscar Carranza stated that he liked the cluster suggestion, the sign with several businesses on it, but then the issue is who owns the land that sign is on and what are they going to charge you to have your business on it. Brett Thompson asked if that could be handled with part of the impact fees. He suggested there could be one sign that had several businesses on it and they were each charged to have their business on it. He said maybe it could be regulated by the Hazelton Recreation District or the Northrim Park, etc. Bill Baker suggested that Off-Premise Signs should only be directional signs.