

Sanpete County Planning Commission

January 14, 2009

6:30 P.M.

Present: Dale Lewis, Chair
Steve Anderson
Gene Jacobsen
Joseph Scholes
Garth Sorenson
Thell Stewart
Bart Nelson
Mary Anderson

Ross Blackham, Sanpete County Attorney
Lee Holmstead, County Zoning Administrator
Selma Jorgensen, Deputy Clerk

Meeting called to order by Dale Lewis.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR LEE HOLMSTEAD REVIEW OF AGENDA

Zoning Administrator Lee Holmstead is present and reviews the agenda items.

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Motion is made by Garth Sorenson to amend the Planning Commission Minutes of December 10, 2008. With the changes made, Garth Sorenson made a motion to approve the amended Minutes of December 10, 2008. Motion seconded by Thell Stewart, the motion passed.

THE COMPASS ACADEMY; DAN SPERRY'S REQUEST FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO OPERATE A YOUTH HOME ON PROPERTY EAST OF MORONI

Dan Sperry, Alice Sperry, Josh Wilkey, Syndy Wilkey, and Steve Quesenberry, attorney, are present. Members of the audience included: Nathan Gause, Matt Gause, Jim Gause, Brian Nielson, Steven Despain, Reta Despain, and Steve Sanders. Dale Lewis reviewed the request for a conditional use permit to operation a youth home stating that they were present at the meeting on December 10, 2008 and the matter was tabled. Mr. Lewis stated that the Planning Commission discussed this issue at great lengths at the last meeting. Mary Anderson questioned those representing The Compass Academy about the age group of those that would be in their facility. Josh Wilkey stated that the Court System will have them in between 12-18, but they will only accept those between the ages of 14-18. Mrs. Anderson also asked if they will be housing sexual offenders. Josh Wilkey stated that they will accept what the State requires, if they need a place for sex offenders, they will accept them. Mrs. Anderson stated that the ordinance states that they cannot house sex offenders. All concurred. Garth Sorenson questioned whether this group would be considered a Youth Home or Disabled Persons Facility.

Mr. Blackham stated that they filed their application under Youth Home. Mr. Quesenberry provided documentation to the members of the Planning Commission. Mr. Wilkey stated that they felt they were unfairly treated at last month's meeting because they feel that they should be under the previous ordinance since they filed their application in September. Mr. Sperry stated that they feel their request should have been approved in November. Dale Lewis explained that there was not a meeting in November because there were not enough members of the Planning Commission available to form a quorum. Mr. Ross Blackham reported that their application was submitted on September 11, 2008 and the process to change the ordinance began at the August 13, 2008 Planning Commission Meeting, and was reviewed again at the Sanpete County Commissioner's Meeting held in August as well. Mr. Quesenberry asked about the ordinance requiring the Planning Commission to sign a request within 60 days. Mr. Blackham stated that we are well aware of this ordinance. Some discussion ensued concerning when the 60 days begins.

Thell Stewart made a motion that since the application does not meet the requirements of the proposed ordinance that the application be denied. Steve Anderson stated that the issue is "were we in process of amending the ordinance when this application was submitted". Mr. Anderson further explained that what Thell is saying is that last month he made a motion and the matter was tabled, so he's making a motion again to deny it based on the fact that we had the process in place and so we want to invoke the new ordinance. Gene Jacobsen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

With no further business before the Planning Commission, motion to adjourn is made by Garth Sorenson. Motion seconded by Thell Stewart, motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.