

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF VICTORIA
PLANNING BOARD – PUBLIC MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2022
6:30PM – OLD SCHOOL

Present: Chairperson Pat Smith
Planning Board Members: Marly Anderson, Bruce Gough, Jean McCardle
CAO: Keith Dewar
Finance & Administrative Assistant: Marsha Empson
Members of the Public: 7

Chairperson Pat Smith called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

None declared.

The topic of discussion for this meeting was to review proposed zoning changes and to allow for public comment on each change. Chairperson noted the process – review each change one at a time and then ask for public input; Chair asked if anyone who submitted a response wanted their letter read out loud. Prior to the meeting one letter was requested to be read aloud.

Change 1. Rezone all properties within the Dunrovin Estates subdivision that are currently zoned as Central Core (CC), excluding PID #913780 (Victoria's Glass Studio), to Single Residential (SR). The affected properties are as follows: PID #1020890, PID #991448, PID #1067388, PID #1067032, PID #939843 and PID #930560.

Chair read the change proposed and PID numbers impacted; Planning Board member read the rationale for the proposed change.

Public comments:

1. A property owner asked if Planning Board member, Marly Anderson, was in a conflict of interest; Chair noted that conflict policy placed the onus on the individual to declare a conflict.
2. Resident noted they did not support the change and referred to the impact on businesses which they noted needed to be supported.
3. Second resident noted that they did not support the proposed change as it impacts on their ability to use the land as intended when originally purchased.
4. Another resident suggested that if you buy something and believe that it was a certain zone and this is subsequently changed this negatively impacts on the basis for their decision.

5. Resident made the comment that this relates to one family that has been pushing for this change - Chair responded that this does not relate to an individual but a legal situation where there are differences between two legal documents; PB has to deal with a difficult situation where you cannot make all parties happy, but the issue has to be dealt with.

6. Planning Board Member read the letter from the Magner's and MacLeod's.

Change 2. Rezone PID #913780 (Victoria's Glass Studio) to Commercial from Central Core.

Chair noted why this change was being considered.

Public comments:

1. Resident noted that the intent from the original planning board was that this lot be commercial.

Change 3. Rezone the two properties (PID #207555 and PID #207449) north of the Dunrovin Estates subdivision to General Residential (GR).

Chair noted rationale for why this change was being considered.

Public comments:

1. Resident noted that rezoning seems to be done as part of "rubik cube" thinking.
2. Resident noted that these properties were originally rural residential and were not similar to central core properties and agreed that there should not be any commercial activity allowed; resident also thanked Planning Board members for their effort and work and recognized the challenges they faced in doing so.

Closing comments:

1. CAO suggested that the elector who raised the issue of conflict should do so in writing if they want it to be considered and directed them to section 7 of the Conflict Of Interest bylaw.
2. Resident reiterated their earlier comments not to change the zoning per Change 1.

No other topics were reviewed at this meeting.

The Chair thanked everyone for the input and the meeting was adjourned at 7:07pm