

MINUTES OF THE
RAPID CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
February 8, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Bulman, Vivian Jorgenson, Pam Lang, Mel Prairie Chicken, Amber Solay, Bob Wall, Bob Scull. Alan Hanks, Council Liaison was also present.

STAFF PRESENT: Blaise Emerson, Vicki Fisher, Lisa Seaman, Bill Lass, Dan Hodge, Dave Johnson and Risë Ficken

Chairperson Lang called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.

Lang reviewed the Consent Agenda and asked if any member of the Planning Commission, staff or audience would like any item removed from the Consent Agenda for individual consideration.

Staff requested that Item 16 be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration. Wall requested that Item 6 be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

Jorgenson moved, Solay seconded and carried unanimously to recommend approval of the Consent Agenda Items 1 through 19 in accordance with the staff recommendations with the exception of Items 6 and 16. (7 to 0)

23. Discussion Items

A. Fence Height Ordinance

Lass advised that a council member recently requested that staff review how the Rapid City Municipal Code addresses the placement of fencing on or near retaining walls. He noted that staff had contacted several other communities in an effort to determine how they address this issue. Lass indicated that staff is proposing to allow 70% open face fencing on top of retaining walls. He added that the fence height would determine how far opaque fencing would need to be set back from the retaining wall. He requested that the Planning Commission authorize staff to advertise for amendments to the Fence Height Ordinance.

Bulman stated that she feels the proposed ordinance amendment is needed.

Wall asked if additional fence height regulations are necessary.

Discussion followed.

Bulman moved and Wall seconded to authorize staff to advertise for public hearing to consider amendments to the Rapid City Municipal Code concerning fencing and retaining walls.

Discussion followed concerning fencing placement and aesthetics.

The motion carried unanimously to authorize staff to advertise for public hearing to consider amendments to the Rapid City Municipal Code concerning fencing and retaining walls. (7 to 0)