# **CITY OF LA GRANDE**

# **Planning Commission Meeting**

# **Regular Session**

October 11, 2022

6:00 p.m.

La Grande City Hall 1000 Adams Avenue *MINUTES* 

# COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Dave Felley

## Liberty Avila, Chair Ann Morrison, Vice Chair Matthew Gougherty Roxie Ogilvie

#### **DISCUSSION/DISPOSITION**

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** 

# STAFF PRESENT:

Michael Boquist, City Planner Kendra VanCleave, Planning Secretary

# CITIZENS PRESENT:

Mike Martin Don Lowry Nadine Lowry Jill McKinley Darilyn Brown (zoom) Angela Rodrigues (zoom) **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** 

# AGENDA APPROVAL

**CONSENT AGENDA** 

AVILA, Chair, called this Regular Session of the Commission to order at 6:08 p.m. and conducted a Roll Call; a quorum was determined to be present. The Agenda was approved as presented

MORRISON introduced the following Motion, with OGILVIE providing the Second.

**<u>MOTION</u>**: That the Consent Agenda be approved as presented for the September 13, 2022 meeting.

MSC: Unanimous NONE

#### NONE

#### (PUBLIC HEARING OPENED 6:10 PM)

AVILA asked for the Rules of Order to be Read. AVILA announced that she drove by the site. MORRISON announced she drove by the site. There were no challenges

AVILA asked for the staff report.

Mike opened with the application to use the existing single-family home on the property as a one bedroom B&B Short term rental.

# **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

# **NEW BUSINESS**

PUBLIC HEARING

a. Conditional Use Permit File Number: 12-CUP-22 Darilyn Brown

#### STAFF REPORT

> 1. The subject property is developed with a twobedroom single-family dwelling, a garage, and parking off the alley and zoned residential medium density.

> 2. Within the next year, the applicant plans to convert the two-bedroom home into one-bedroom by removing a wall and combining the two (2) bedrooms into a single master suite. Additionally, other planned improvements include new flooring, cabinetry, and bathroom improvements.

3. For off-street parking, one parking space will be available off the alley, either within the existing garage or within the driveway parallel to the alley, in front of the garage. The garage appears to sits roughly 9'+/- off the alley. As such there is only one (1) valid parking space available.

BOQUIST continued the applicant's submittal discusses that this dwelling has been the family home since Mr. Brown's youth and was occupied as a full-time residence until December 2013. Since that time the house was predominantly vacant, but recently occupied by their daughter in December 2021.

It is their desire to keep this home as a family residence and used by themselves and other out-of-area family members. When the home is not occupied by family members, it is their desire to rent the home as a shortterm vacation rental. They do not feel the operation of a BnB on this property would result in significant adverse impacts to the neighbors as it is next door to a church parking lot (Damascus Road Ministries) and is in close proximity to Eastern Oregon University. The house sits on a high traffic Collector Street and there are other commercial uses in close proximity, within 1-3 blocks, along 4th Street.

AVILA asked for applicant testimony.

APPLICANT TESTIMONY BROWN commented the house is 1084 sq ft house and would like to lock one of the smaller of the bedrooms to use as a staging area for the remodel and also for supplies and have the ability use as a B&B while working on the remodel.

AVILA asked for testimony in favor, neutral or opposition. There was none.

**COMMISSION DISCUSSION** MORRISON commented there have been several B&B's approved with conditions and wondered if there was a way to check and see if the condition as been fulfilled before operation. BOQUIST responded that he does site visits to check exterior conditions, but the interior conditions (such as lock a bedroom) is harder and more on the honor system. Suggested that an

interior condition for a check isn't required upon approval.

GOUGHERTY asked if the rental will be full or part time. BROWN said is undetermined while under remodel and it would be sporadic part time use.

#### (PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED 6:12P.M.)

MORRISON introduced the following Motion with FELLEY providing the Second.

**MOTION:** I move that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions set forth in the Draft Decision Order be amended to include that the dwelling will be used as a one-bedroom rental before and after the conversion of the two bedroom to the one-bedroom and that the Proposed Conditional Use Permit be conditionally approved.

**USC:** Unanimous

#### (PUBLIC HEARING OPENED 6:13P.M.)

AVILA announced that the Rules of Order were read in their entirety at the first Public Hearing and asked for Declarations and Challenges. MORRISON stated she drove by the site. There were no challenges.

AVILA asked for the staff report.

BOQUIST opened with the application to use the lower floor of their home as a two-bedroom B&B.

1. The subject property is developed with a two-story single-family dwelling, with three (3) bedrooms on the upper floor and 2-bedrooms on the lower floor and zoned residential medium density.

2. Subject to receiving approval of this request, the applicant intends to remove an exterior window and replace it with a new exterior entry door to the BnB, construct a new walkway entry to the BnB from the driveway, and other interior improvements such as a kitchenette.

3. For off-street parking, the house includes an attached 2-car garage and a wide driveway that accommodate 3 side-by-side parking spaces.
For the upper floor dwelling, this residence will utilize the 2-car garage, plus one driveway parking space in front of the garage. Which satisfies the one parking space per dwelling unit standard.
For the lower floor 2-bedroom BnB, the two-surplus

• For the lower floor 2-bedroom BnB, the two-surplus side-by-side parking spaces in the driveway will be reserved for this unit.

#### MOTION

 b. Conditional Use Permit File Number: 14-CUP-22 Rebekah Hefner

#### STAFF REPORT

	BOQUIST stated comments from the Building Department advised that the new kitchenette to be installed on the lower floor be limited to a counter sink, coffee pot microwave and mini fridge. By installing more than this would be defined as a separate dwelling unit (duplex) and would trigger additional building code requirements. The applicant has been notified of this, but hasn't been in contact. And staff is recommending that this requirement be satisfied as a condition of approval.
	AVILA announced the applicant is not here and asked for testimony in favor, neutral or opposition. There was none.
COMMISSION DISCUSSION	OGILVIE commented she is concerned about the applicant not responding to the Building Department comments and also, she is concerned about the curve the house is on for traffic/safety especially in winter time.
	MORRISON commented that she drove by the property and also has concerns about the traffic/safety and the applicant not responding. Additionally, she has concerns about changing character of neighborhood.
	There was consensus from the group that the applicant is not in attendance to get clarification on questions and didn't have enough information to make a decision.
	(PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED 6:22P.M.)
	AVILA entertained a Motion.
MOTION	MORRISON moved that application 14-CUP-22 is tabled to the November meeting. AVILA seconded.
	USC: Unanimous
	(PUBLIC HEARING OPENED 6:23P.M.)
c. Conditional Use Permit File Number: 15-CUP-22 Angela Rodrigues	AVILA announced that the Rules of Order were read in their entirety at the first Public Hearing and asked for Declarations and Challenges. MORRISON stated she drove by the site. There were no challenges.
	AVILA asked for the staff report.
STAFF REPORT	BOQUIST opened with the application to rent their entire 3-bedroom home as a B&B.
	The subject property is developed with a 3-bedroom single-family dwelling, a detached garage accessed off 7 <sup>th</sup> Street, and a separate single-car driveway off M

Avenue and is zoned High Density Residential.

APPLICANT TESTIMONY

BOQUIST continued that the application initially identified one parking space in the main driveway off M Avenue, with 2 additional parking spaces located in front of the garage off 7<sup>th</sup> Street. The 2 spaces off 7<sup>th</sup> Street are located within the public street right-of-way and are not eligible for meeting the off-street parking requirement. Staff discussed the parking conflict with the applicant; and, as an alternative the applicant would like the Planning Commission to consider the following alternative parking configuration.

• The main driveway off M Avenue will continue to be maintained as the primary parking space. This driveway allows for stacked parking, which can accommodate an extra vehicle if needed.

• Two (2) additional 9'x18' parking spaces will be added (gravel) in the front yard along M Avenue, West of the entrance. These spaces are close to the main entrance to the dwelling, functional for guests, and are furthest from any neighbors to minimize potential impacts.

MORRISON commented the photo in the packet doesn't have fence, but when she drove by there is a fence in the area of the proposed parking and asked if it would be removed. BOQUIST responded yes.

GOUGHERTY about the parking being in the front yard setback. BOQUIST responded there isn't a requirement that the front yard setback be all landscaped.

AVILA asked for testimony from applicant.

Angela RODRIGUES commented it won't be a traditional B&B, but a short-term rental.

AVILA asked for testimony in favor, neutral or opposition.

**COMMISSION DISCUSSION** GOUGHERTY commented that he has a little concern about the whole front yard being parking, but no other concerns.

# (PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED 6:28P.M.)

MORRISON made the following Motion.

MOTION:I move that the Finding of Fact and<br/>Conclusions set forth in the Draft Decision Order be<br/>adopted and that the Proposed Conditional Use Permit<br/>be approved.

AVILA amended to conditionally approve to include that the applicant creates the parking. MORRISON accepted the amendment and OGILVIE provided the Second. d. Conditional Use Permit File Number: 16-CUP-22 Don Lowry

# STAFF REPORT

**USC:** Unanimous

# (PUBLIC HEARING OPENED 6:29P.M.)

AVILA announced that the Rules of Order were read in their entirety at the first Public Hearing and asked for Declarations and Challenges. MORRISON stated she drove by the site. There were no challenges

AVILA asked for the staff report.

BOQUIST opened with the applications to rent their entire 4-bedroom home as a B&B and would be the second B&B on property if approved.

1. The subject property is developed with a 4-bedroom single-family dwelling, a 2-story detached garage with a 3-bedroom accessory dwelling on the upper floor (7 total bedrooms within 2 separate buildings).

2. The existing 3-bedroom accessory dwelling unit (ADU) is currently rented as a BnB, which received approval from the Planning Commission in December 2020, File Number 06-CUP-20.

3. This proposed request is to add a second (separate) BnB on the same property, using the main dwelling which has 4 bedrooms. If approved as proposed, this decision would set a precedence to allow for multipleseparate BnB businesses on the same property (2 in this case – 7 guest bedrooms), which is inconsistent with the interpretation of LDC standards and past Planning Commission decisions.

4. City Staff and the Planning Commission have historically interpreted and considered all BnB guest rooms on the same property as one (1) BnB business.

5. BnB's are limited to 5 total guest sleeping rooms, this request will result in a total of 7 guest sleeping rooms, which would then be defined as a hotel or motel, which is not a permitted use in a residential zone.

BOQUIST continued there was challenges with parking. The parking spaces in initial scenario were with an agreement with the neighbor to use their property by contract which could be revoked at any time with short notice. The City wouldn't accept to meet the parking requirement. The applicant did some more measuring and found that they do have enough parking and can meet the parking for the 4 bedrooms.

OGILVIE asked about the 1, 2, 3 (blue) stacked parking on the map. BOQUIST responded that parking is for the ADU which is a driveway that was approved back in

> 2020 and stacked parking was allowed to where stacked parking is no longer allowed. The 1, 2, 3, 4 (yellow) is for the proposed parking, which 1 and 2 looked stacked, but the driveway is approx. 40' or 50' wide and will be parallel parking.



AVILA asked for testimony from applicant.

#### APPLICANT TESTIMONY

Don LOWRY handed out a Plan A/B that explains their requests. Plan A they are asking for the Commission to look at the B&B's as separate permits. The structures have separate mailboxes and separate driveways. The original parking plan included using the neighbor's property but was only allowed through an easement. Additionally, thought about splitting lots and utilities, but would affect future parking and access and not a good option. Requesting Plan A be approved as 2 separate permits on same lot.

AVILA asked about Plan B. LOWRY commented if the permit it is considered an expansion, the apartment will return to a one bedroom by converting one room to an office and the other into a common space or storage. This conversion back to a one-bedroom apartment along with the 4-bedroom main house results in a five guest bedroom and parking satisfied.

MORRISON commented with the number of applications it takes her some time to go through them. Doing site visits and lining up with the information in the packet. When information is handed out at the meeting there is no time to read through the information to understand it and asked Boquist his response on Plan B. BOQUIST commented Plan B solves the challenge with the expansion of the B&B business by making it 5 guest bedrooms limit and the parking is available for the 5 bedrooms.

BOQUIST asked applicant if they will be merging bedrooms together in the apartment, the code is sleeping rooms not necessarily bedrooms and could change the scenario. Nadine LOWRY indicated they wouldn't be sleeping rooms. They are all small

> bedrooms; one would be converted to office and the other a main room. Don LOWRY reiterated the bedrooms are very small, one bedroom is a twin and the door barely opens and the other is a full room and door is close to bed. These rooms can be adjusted to what is required of them.

> MORRISON asked about a possible floor plan. LOWRY said the South ends are two small bedrooms, middle is a kitchen/living space and the north end is a bigger room and bathroom.

OGILVIE asked if Boquist has seen the Plan A/B. BOQUIST indicated not before the meeting; this is a proposal presented tonight. OGILVIE asked if the application reflects Plan B. BOQUIST answered no.

Nadine LOWRY stated they have contacted their neighbors and have received support.

AVILA asked for testimony in favor, neutral, or opposition, there was none.

# **COMMISSION DISCUSSION** MORRISON commented she has a concern with the change of plan at last minute. Doesn't give a chance to contemplate or understand and would like more time.

AVILA commented Plan A is not allowed as separate permit. In other applications with separate structures they were approved to a 5 sleeping room limit and approving Plan A would be opening up a can of worms.

OGILVIE asked Boquist with the moratorium can they modify the application, such as providing a floor plan and could they go before Commission in November. BOQUIST answered yes if additional information is submitted that the Commission requests, he would modify the staff report and the application would before the Commission in November.

AVILA agreed more pictures and a floor plan of the apartment of how the conversion would work would be helpful.

# (PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED 6:57P.M.)

OGILVIE made the following Motion, with MORRISON providing the Second.

MOTION MOTION: I move that application be tabled to provide photos and floor plan of the apartment conversion to a one bedroom and the updated parking plan to be heard at the November 8, 2022 Planning Commission meeting.

USC: Unanimous

e. Conditional Use Permit File Number: 17-CUP-22 Mike Martin

## (PUBLIC HEARING OPENED 6:58P.M.)

AVILA announced that the Rules of Order were read in their entirety at the first Public Hearing and asked for Declarations and Challenges. MORRISON stated she drove by the site. There were no challenges.

AVILA asked for the staff report.

BOQUIST opened with the application to rent  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a duplex (one 3-bedroom dwelling unit as a B&B)

1. The subject property is developed with 2 residential structures, a tri-plex apartment along 4th Street, and a duplex along 5th Street.

2. The triplex (707 4th Street) was constructed prior to the City code requirement for off-street parking and currently all parking for these dwelling units are accommodated on-street within public street rights-of-way.

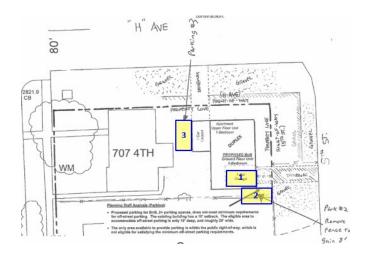
3. The duplex (708 5th Street) was constructed since 2019 and subject to the City's current parking standards which required the improvement of one off-street parking space (covered) for each dwelling unit.

a. 708 5th Street, Unit A (Proposed BnB): This duplex unit is a 3-bedroom unit that faces 5th Street, with a single car garage accessed via 5th Street. Additional gravel overflow parking is available within the street right-of-way along both 5th Street and H Avenue.

b. 708 5th Street, Unit B: This duplex unit is a 1bedroom unit that faces H Avenue, with a single car carport accessed via H Avenue. Additional gravel overflow parking is available within the street right-ofway along H Avenue.

BOQUIST continued for the conversion of Unit A to a BnB, this is a 3-bedroom unit that requires 3 off-street parking spaces. The one parking space provided within the garage is not sufficient to satisfy the City's parking requirements. Additionally, the on-street parking available along 5th Street and H Avenue are not eligible to satisfy the off-street parking requirements. As a result, to meet minimum City standards, 2 additional off-street parking spaces be added to Unit A to achieve a total of 3 off-street parking spaces.

The applicant was notified of the parking conflict and submitted an updated parking plan.



BOQUIST continued that the 3<sup>rd</sup> parking space will share the the driveway with the other units and would be eligible as a 3<sup>rd</sup> parking space for off street parking, but based on other discussion in past applications, is the location of the 3<sup>rd</sup> parking space not located in the vicinity of the entrance to the B&B or the other B& B parking spaces. Guests would likely feel uncomfortable and discouraged from using this space as it is a shared driveway with long term tenants in the other unit.

AVILA asked for testimony from applicant.

# APPLICANT TESTIMONY

Mike MARTIN commented they developed the parking in the right of way and 5<sup>th</sup> street is one of the worst kept streets. He put in 10 yards of gravel surrounging the building with landscaping for the specific purpose of a B&B. There are 10 viable parking spaces around this building and understand they are in the right of way.

They maner is which the right of way is developed with no forseeable changes or even with sidewalks, there is plenty of parking. In a real world situation the property meets the parking of 3 spaces off -street with ample parking around the property.

MORRISON asked where the applicant lived. MARTIN answered Alicel.

GOUGHERTY asked how far is the 3<sup>rd</sup> parking spot away from the door of the B&B. MARTIN responded the building is 30' deep and 40' wide with an additional 12' for the parking space in back. So about 82' from the space to the door.

AVILA asked for testimony in favor, neutral or opposition. There was none.

> analysis about it not being functional to the B&B and has a concern if someone would actually use it. There are all kinds of on street parking which is perfectly laid out for parking, people would use it and much closer to entrance of door and where most people would park.

AVILA commented the application has a 3<sup>rd</sup> parking spot that is developed as a parking spot, it could be signed that if there is a 3<sup>rd</sup> car, there can be instructions to park in that spot and could see someone using it if there are 3 cars coming to the B&B. Don't want to make a standard that isn't a standard about location of a parking spot and wouldn't want to penalize the applicant.

MORRISON commented she feels it is unrealistic that someone would park in the 3<sup>rd</sup> space being that it is in between the two residences, it is a long way around to haul luggage to the B&B.

AVILA stated the applicant developed all the parking around the property to which people will most likely park there, and don't want deny the 3<sup>rd</sup> parking spot he is providing because all the other parking is around the house which he made improvements too.

MORRISON asked BOQUIST what the rule is about parking in the right of way. BOQUIST responded that anybody can park in the right of way.

GOUGHERTY asked what the code says about parking in the right of way for short term rentals. BOQUIST reiterated anyone can use it for anything but can't use it to meet the parking requirements for the short-term rental.

AVILA commented there isn't a code requirement about how close a parking spot has to be to an entrance to a residence.

OGILVE asked if parking spot #3 meets the requirements for an off-street parking space. BOQUIST responded yes. OGILVE commented if the spot qualifies and there isn't a standard about location of a parking spot then the application is good. Parking is an item to be clarified in the upcoming code changes for short term rentals.

MORRISSON agreed that this is one of the many issues that need to be addressed.

Commission discussion continued on signing the 3<sup>rd</sup> parking spot for guests and including it in the instructions.

# (PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED 7:18P.M.)

MOTION	AVILA introduced the following Motion.
	I move that the Findings of Fact and Conclusions set forth in the Draft Decision Order be amended and that the Proposed Conditional Use Permit be conditionally approved:
	1. That the parking spaces be developed as legal parking.
	<ol><li>That signage be installed in parking space #3 reserved for the B&amp;B.</li></ol>
	3. That instructions provided in listing to guest as to where the 3 parking spaces are located and to use.
	MORRISSON amended the Motion to include that information be provided and posted within the B&B, telling guests where the 3 parking spaces are located.
	AVILA accepted the amendment.
	GOUGHERTY provided the Second.
	<u>USC</u> : Unanimous
f. Conditional Use Permit File Number: 18-CUP-22 Jill McKinley	PUBLIC HEARING OPENED 7:19P.M.)
	AVILA announced that the Rules of Order were read in their entirety at the first Public Hearing and asked for
	Declarations and Challenges. MORRISON stated she drove by the site. There were no challenges.
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STAFF REPORT	<ul> <li>drove by the site. There were no challenges.</li> <li>AVILA asked for the Staff Report.</li> <li>BOQUIST opened with the application to convert the existing duplex dwelling into a 2-unit B&amp;B. One unit would include 3 guest bedrooms, the second unit would include 2 guest bedrooms. The property is zoned Medium Density Residential.</li> <li>BOQUIST continued on the parking, the property includes a garage with each duplex unit, along with off-street parking along the entire property frontage. The property frontage measure 54 feet wide, which will accommodate 6 side-by-side parking spaces meeting City standards at 9'x18' each. This BnB will exceed</li> </ul>
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**COMMISSION DISCUSSION** 

B&B, but with the moratorium wanted to apply to keep options open.

MORRISON asked where the applicant lived. MCKINLEY responded in La Grande.

AVILA asked for testimony in favor, neutral or opposition. There was none.

GOUGHERTY asked if the whole front yard is parking. BOQUIST answered yes. GOUGHERTY asked does the code require to have a yard. BOQUIST commented there is some yard space on the side and some in backyard. The house is setback and, in the front, it is all gravel and all parking which is preestablished. The street isn't a standard street and isn't under consideration for any curbs or sidewalks.

OGILVIE asked if curbs and sidewalks ever go in, does the parking meet setbacks as is. BOQUIST responded yes.

MORRISON commented she drove by. The parking is nice and graveled and is being used for parking. Has concerns about the residential neighborhood feel with the conversion of so many bedrooms within the duplex units and people coming and going.

OGILVIE commented on the application the description notes to use one or both sides as a B&B. MCKINLEY responded the plan right now is to have long term tenants. They had an older tenant that lived in the front unit and had to move out. With the moratorium they wanted to apply for the B&B, if that ever happened again a tenant had to move out, they could rent as B&B in the interim.

AVILA asked if the permit is approved and not used it expires after a year. BOQUIST answered yes, if you use it and convert back to long term and don't use a year after that it would automatically expire. Only valid for a year if not being used.

MORRISON commented the staff report says a total conversion of the whole duplex and not use as either a one or two unit. BOQUIST commented the way the staff report is drafted and presented is to maximize the request even though they indicate they want option of one or two.

AVILA asked if one side has a long-term tenant and the other is short term does the long term fall off the permit. BOQUIST responded that is a good question, the approval would be for both units, five guest sleeping rooms total and if unit remains a long-term rental, it would lose its permission after the year and would

reduce the permit by default, but would be up to Commission to interpret.

OGILVIE commented she has concerns approving as a blanket approval to use both units.

AVILA commented the permit would cover either unit and over the course of the year if one is used long term and the other is used as a B&B, the B&B would have the permit and the other would have to reapply for a B&B use.

MCKINLEY commented the application could have been worded clearer, but would like to request both to use as a B&B.

AVILA stated the Commission doesn't have much standing to say which side can be used as a B&B if they look at approving one or both. If one remained rented long term at the end of the year that unit would have to reapply.

GOUGHERTY commented he is fine with the 2 units and asked if the Finance Department will look at it has separate permits for tracking. BOQUIST responded it shouldn't be an issue for the Finance Department as they monitor which units are being used for TRT records.

OGILVIE commented she has an issue specifying which units could be used as a B&B and also don't feel good about approving two units unless it is clarified that the unit not being used as a B&B at the year mark falls off the permit.

## PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED 7:44P.M.)

MORRISON made the following Motion, with OGILVIE providing the Second.

I move that the Finding of Fact and Conclusions set forth in the Draft Decision Order be amended that if either one of the units is not used as a short-term rental at the end of the year mark, it be removed off the permit and that the Proposed Conditional Ise Permit be conditionally approved.

USC: Unanimous

#### OLD BUSINESS: None

CITY PLANNER COMMENTS: None

MOTION

BOQUIST stated he is putting together 2 pieces to talk about for the November 5 work session. One is what Anne submitted and the other is the standards draft. Structure the work session around Anne's information.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

MORRISON asked about the issue of submitting additional information at the meeting makes it harder to make a decision. BOQUIST responded in the Rules of Order item number 4 states if additional documents or evidence is introduced during the Hearing any participant may request a continuation and that the record be kept open for seven days to submit addition testimony or written evidence for the purpose of responding to new evidence. Additionally, we are only required by law to give people a 10-day notice of the public hearing, but notification is sent out 3 weeks prior to the meeting. Therefore, applicants springing new information at the meeting is not efficient and anyone can use the language in item 4 in the Rules of Order to continue the hearing.

There being no further business to come before this Regular Session of the Commission, adjourned the meeting at 6:16 pm. The Commission is scheduled to meet again in Regular Session, Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 1000 Adams Avenue, La Grande, Oregon.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Kendra VanCleave CEDD Secretary Date Approved: Chairperson