

**TOWN OF LA CONNER
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2016**

The Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

Present were Commissioners Linda Talman, Mike Carlisle, Mary Wohleb, Marna Hanneman, Bob Skeelee and Administrator John Doyle.

OPENING COMMENTS:

Commissioner Talman commented on the number of vacant storefronts. The Chamber is acutely aware, and would like to fill the empty buildings with rotating art displays to help beautify the spaces until they are rented. A discussion followed about the impact of added commercial space with renovation of the Palmer's property.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Carlisle moved to approve the minutes of February 2, 2016. Seconded by Commissioner Wohleb. Motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

- *Continue discussion regarding Joan Cross's request to install rain barrels at 125 Washington Street*

The proposal is to install dark green rain barrels on the parking lot side of the Crossroad's building to capture rainwater for use in the garden area. Following discussion, the commission recommended establishing specifications to include the following:

1. encourage water conservation and management of stormwater onsite
2. consistent with the historic district standards
3. screen barrels if visible from the street
4. blends with the color of the building
5. no open barrels

Mr. Doyle stated he will draft preliminary code language based on the recommendations and present it at the next meeting.

With no further business Commissioner Skeelee moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Carlisle.

Chair Linda Talman

Date