



MINUTES for October 9, 2024
CROOK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

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I. Call to Order

Crook County Planning Commission Chairperson Warren called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

The meeting was conducted by Zoom, phone, and in person at the Crook County Annex.

II. Attendance

Commissioners Attending:

In Person	Zoom	Commissioner	Excused Absence	Unexcused Absence
X		Mike Warren		
		George Ponte	X	
X		Laquita Stec		
X		Les Williamson		
		Calvin Walter	X	
X		Gary Bedortha		
X		Marlo Dill		
X		Shelby Duncan		

Staff Attending:

In Person	Zoom	Crook County Staff
X		Will Van Vactor
X		Katie McDonald
X		Hannah Elliott

Parties in Attending in Person:

Please see the sign-in sheet.

State Agencies Participating via Zoom:

None.

Members of the Public Participating via Zoom:

None.

The Chair asked if anyone participating remotely or in the meeting room wished to address an item not on the agenda.

None.

III. Public Comment

None.

IV. Minutes

Minutes of July 24, 2024

Commissioner Stec moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Dill seconded the motion.

Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mike Warren	X		
Laquita Stec	X		
Les Williamson			X
Gary Bedortha			X
Marlo Dill	X		
Shelby Duncan	X		
Motion carried 4-0-2			

Minutes of August 28, 2024

Commissioner Stec moved to approve the minutes as amended. Commissioner Dill seconded the motion.

Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mike Warren	X		
Laquita Stec	X		
Les Williamson			X
Gary Bedortha			X
Marlo Dill	X		
Shelby Duncan	X		
Motion carried 4-0-2			

Minutes of September 11, 2024

Commissioner Stec moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Williamson seconded the motion.

Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mike Warren			X
Laquita Stec	X		
Les Williamson	X		
Gary Bedortha			X
Marlo Dill	X		
Shelby Duncan	X		
Motion carried 4-0-2			

V. Items for Consideration

1. Public Hearing

Record Number: 217-24-000166-PLNG – Pinecrest Ridge LLC has applied for a 10-lot subdivision on the north end of Pinecrest Rd. The specific property involved is map tax lot 1415270000204.

The Chair read the applicable criteria for review into the record.

The Chair asked if any Commissioner had any bias, prejudice, personal interest, or conflicts of interest to disclose.

Commissioner	No	Disclosure
Mike Warren	X	
Laquita Stec	X	
Les Williamson	X	
Gary Bedortha	X	Disclosed that he knows the family but that this would not bias his decision.
Marlo Dill	X	
Shelby Duncan	X	

The Chair asked if any Commissioner had any Ex Parte Contact with the Applicant or any Member of the Public regarding this matter, noting that Commissioners should disclose if they have visited the site.

Commissioner	No	Disclosure
Mike Warren	X	
Laquita Stec	X	
Les Williamson	X	
Gary Bedortha	X	
Marlo Dill	X	
Shelby Duncan	X	

The Chair asked if any member of the public, including those participating by phone, wished to challenge any member of the Commission.

None.

The Chair reviewed the order of proceedings.

The Chair asked if any Commissioners wished to impose a time limit on testimony.

The Commissioners agreed to a three-minute time limit for testimony.

The Chair asked to hear from Staff.

Katie McDonald, Senior Planner for Crook County, reviewed the submission details, including the relevant topography, details of the request, applicable criteria for the review, and conditions of approval.

Katie McDonald asked if there were any questions regarding the Staff Report.

Commissioner Bedortha asked clarifying questions.

Katie McDonald provided clarification and noted that minor corrections would be made to the Staff Report.

The Chair asked clarifying questions.
Katie McDonald provided clarification.
The Commissioners discussed the application conditions.
Katie McDonald stated that further clarification would be provided during the meeting.

The Chair asked to hear from agency representatives.
Russ Deboodt, Fire Marshall for Crook County Fire and Rescue, asked if there were any questions about matters regulated by the Crook County Fire Code.
None.

The Chair asked to hear from the applicant.
Dawson Skidgel, the Applicant, provided testimony.
The Chair asked a clarifying question.
The Applicant provided clarification.
Commissioners asked clarifying questions.
The Applicant provided clarification.
The Chair asked clarifying questions.
The Applicant provided clarification.
Commissioner Bedortha asked clarifying questions.
The Applicant provided clarification.
Staff provided clarification.
The Chair asked a clarifying question.
The Applicant provided clarification.

The Chair asked if there were any further questions for the applicant.

Staff asked Russ Deboodt a clarifying question.
Russ Deboodt provided clarification.

The Chair asked to hear from anyone who wished to speak in favor of the application.
None.

The Chair asked to hear from anyone neutral to the application.
Wayne Loony of the Westridge Homeowners area provided testimony and asked clarifying questions.
Commissioner Bedortha provided clarification.
The Chair provided clarification.

George Konoval of the Westridge Homeowners area provided testimony and asked clarifying questions.
The Commissioners provided clarification.

Bob Cage, Westridge HOA President, provided testimony and asked clarifying questions.
The Chair provided clarification.
Commissioner Stec asked Staff a clarifying question.
Staff provided clarification.

Greg Madesh of Pinecrest Drive provided testimony and asked clarifying questions.
Staff provided clarification.

Isabelle Eyman of NW Century Drive provided testimony and asked clarifying questions.
The Chair provided clarification.
Staff provided clarification.

William Fransen of NW Century Drive provided testimony and asked clarifying questions.
Commissioners provided clarification.
Staff provided clarification.

Mike Mehring of NW Century Drive provided testimony and asked clarifying questions.
The Chair provided additional time for testimony of interest to attendees.

The Chair asked to hear from anyone in opposition to the application.
Isabelle Eyman of NW Century Drive provided testimony and asked clarifying questions.
Staff provided clarification.

The Chair asked to hear rebuttal from the applicant.
Dawson Skidgel provided rebuttal.
Dawson Skidgel asked a clarifying question.
Commissioners provided clarification.
Commissioner Bedortha asked a clarifying question.
Dawson Skidgel provided clarification.
The Chair asked clarifying questions.
Dawson Skidgel provided clarification.
Commissioner Dill asked a clarifying question.
Staff provided clarification.

The Chair asked if Staff had any further questions.
None.

The Chair asked if the Commissioners had any further questions for Staff.
Commissioner Bedortha asked a clarifying question.
Staff provided clarification.

The Chair asked if the Applicant was willing to waive the seven-day period for final argument.
The Applicant agreed to waive the seven-day period.

The Chair answered a procedural question.
Will Van Vactor provided procedural clarification.

The Chair recognized Illona Eastman of NW Century Drive, who requested a continuance of the hearing.
Will Van Vactor provided procedural clarification.

The Chair asked the Commissioners if the hearing should be continued, or if the hearing should be closed but the record be left open for additional argument.

Commissioner Stec moved to keep the hearing open and continue it to a date and time certain.
The Commissioners discussed the motion.
Staff asked a clarifying question.

The Chair provided clarification.
Staff provided procedural clarification.

Commissioner Stec amended the motion to continue the hearing for additional testimony on the date and time certain of October 23, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.
Commissioner Bedortha seconded the motion.

The Chair opened deliberation on the motion.
The Chair called for a vote on the motion.

Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mike Warren	X		
Laquita Stec	X		
Les Williamson	X		
Gary Bedortha	X		
Marlo Dill	X		
Shelby Duncan	X		
Motion carried 7-0-0			

The Chair asked for a motion to close the hearing.
Commissioner Stec moved to close this portion of the public hearing. Commissioner Bedortha seconded.
The Chair called for further discussion.
None.

Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mike Warren	X		
Laquita Stec	X		
Les Williamson	X		
Gary Bedortha	X		
Marlo Dill	X		
Shelby Duncan	X		
Motion carried 6-0-0			

VI. Community Development Updates

Will Van Vactor provided the community development updates.

He noted that an appeal for a recent controversial Staff approval for a Catholic Church property in Powell Butte would be heard by the Board of Commissioners due to the involvement of federal legislation.

Will Van Vactor also outlined the agenda for the October 23, 2024, Planning Commission meeting, which would include a review of the code related to solar installations.

Staff and the Commissioners discussed procedural options for addressing administrative questions from the public and for informing the public of hearing procedures.

While there has been a recent increase in applications to the Planning Commission, the numbers remain lower than those in 2021 and early 2022. It was noted that recent applications have also been more complex.

The Chair asked for a motion to close the meeting.

Commissioner Stec moved to close the meeting. Commissioner Dill seconded.

Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mike Warren	X		
Laquita Stec	X		
Les Williamson	X		
Gary Bedortha	X		
Marlo Dill	X		
Shelby Duncan	X		
Motion carried 6-0-0			