BACKGROUND: The Planning Department continues to work on a variety of projects and applications and this report provides a summary of those efforts.

New Single-Family Home Permits and Overall Planning Activity: The Planning Department has received over 185 applications this calendar year for planning issues. 118 of those applications have been for Zoning Compliance. We have also issued 35 new home applications this year.

From a “back of napkin” analysis, we have taken in approximately $25,000 in fees for processing applications this calendar year. This is very near the budgeted expectations for planning application revenues – and approximately 10% of the operating costs for the department. For comparison, had the fee schedule recommended by the Planning Commission been adopted and implemented, the City would have collected approximately $115,000 in fees, or near 50% of the cost of operating the department.

Code Compliance: Significant amounts of gorse have been cut or removed this year. We’re now seeing more large parcels removing gorse, as well as some of the difficult parcels. Patrick has also been dealing with properties with significant junk and other compliance problems. He was instrumental in getting a home cleaned up on North Avenue and working with the property owner on significant compliance issues.

Major Applications: The Bandon Beach Hotel (Robert Miller, on behalf of Chris Keiser and the property owners) had their initial public hearing in front of the Planning Commission on November 15, 2018. Testimony was received from the public, and the Commission continued the hearing until January 24, 2019 to allow the applicant to provide additional and clarifying information.

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission recommended adoption of a new Accessory Dwelling Ordinance at their November 15, 2018 meeting. The Oregon State Legislature has passed a bill requiring all municipalities with a population greater than 2500 people to have a process to allow ADU’s as permitted uses wherever single-family dwellings are allowed.

City Council: The City’s decision on the Gu VRD application on Spinnaker was remanded by LUBA. A public hearing was held with the City Council on October 2, 2018 and continued the item to November 5, 2018 for Council deliberation and decision. The Council chose to approve the application in accord with the original decision of the Planning Commission. The Council will be adopting findings at their December 3, 2018 meeting.

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