

BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

**RESOLUTION NO. T4-08-001**

Recommend to the Board of County Commissioners approval of a request for exception to Statewide Planning Goals 11 and 14 to increase the number of floating homes at the Rocky Pointe Marina.

Recommend to the Board of County Commissioners denial of a Special Plan Area zone change request to exceed the residential density limit of one floating home per fifty feet of waterfront in the Rocky Pointe Marina.

**The Planning Commission Finds:**

- a. The Planning Commission is authorized by Multnomah County Code, MCC 37.0540(D) and by ORS 215.110 to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners actions that amend the Multnomah County Comprehensive Plan. The requests described below qualify as a Type IV quasi-judicial land use review, which must be heard by the County's Planning Commission who then forward a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners (MCC 37.0530(D)).
- b. The County's Multiple Use Agriculture-20 zoning district limits residential development to no more than one dwelling per parcel (Multnomah County Code, MCC 34.2820(C)).
- c. This standard aligns with state wide planning Goal 14 (Urbanization) and Goal 11 (Public Facilities and Services) designed to prevent urbanization of rural lands outside of a City's Urban Growth Boundary.
- d. Owners of the Rocky Pointe Marina (23586 NW Saint Helens Road) have requested exceptions to statewide planning Goals 14 and 11 to add 36 additional floating homes to the existing marina in which 40 floating homes are currently allowed. A Special Plan Area zone change has also been requested by the owners to expand the Rocky Pointe Marina beyond the one floating dwelling per fifty feet of waterfront frontage residential density limitation captured in the County's Conditional Use regulations (MCC 34.6755).
- e. The Planning Commission is recommending the Board of County Commissioners approve the request for exceptions to Statewide Planning Goals 11 and 14 to increase the number of floating homes at the Rocky Pointe Marina. Justification for Goal Exception approval is outlined in the staff report labeled Exhibit A.
- f. The Planning Commission recommends that the Board of County Commissioners deny the Special Plan Area Zone Change request. The Planning Commission finds the Special Plan Area regulations should not be used to consider a request to exceed the one dwelling per 50 feet of waterfront density threshold and that the applicant had not demonstrated the Special Plan Area guidelines were met.

g. Notice of the Planning Commission hearing was published in the 'Oregonian' newspaper and on the County's Land Use Program web site. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 where all interested persons were given an opportunity to appear and be heard. This initial hearing was continued and concluded on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Findings for the Goal Exception approval and Special Plan Area Zone Change denial are contained in the staff report labeled Exhibit A.

**The Planning Commission Resolves:**

That this resolution, supported by the findings in the staff report (attached as Exhibit A), and in association with the plans delineating the requested exception areas in Exhibit B, are hereby recommended for adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.

ADOPTED this 19 day of October, 2009.

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John Ingle, Chair