

**BONNER COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 6, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Hearing Examiner Jackie Rucker called the public hearing to order at 1:30 p.m. in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room of the Bonner County Administration Building, 1500 Highway 2, Sandpoint, Idaho, via Zoom webinar, and YouTube live streaming.

**PRESENT:** Jackie Rucker, Hearing Examiner

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Planning Director Jake Gabell, Assistant Planning Director Travis Haller, Planner I Alex Feyen, and Hearing Coordinator Jenna Crone.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CHANGES IN AGENDA:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Hearing Examiner Rucker approved the minutes as written November 15, 2023.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**CALL FOR VISUAL, HEARING OR OTHER IMPAIRMENT REQUIRING ASSISTANCE:** The Hearing Examiner asked whether anyone needed special assistance to hear, see or participate in these proceedings. Hearing no response, she continued with the public hearing.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST/DISCLOSURE DECLARATIONS:** Hearing Examiner Jackie Rucker stated that she had no conflict with this proposal.

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**File CUP0016-23 – Conditional Use Permit – Animal Establishment.** The applicants are requesting a conditional use permit for an animal establishment. The property is zoned Rural 5. The project is located off Shepard Lane in Section 5, Township 55 North, Range 5 West, Boise-Meridian.

**STAFF PRESENTATION:** Planner I Alex Feyen presented a summary of the project and previously circulated staff report, concluding this project is consistent with Bonner County Revised Code.

**APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVE:** Kriss Carpenter answered questions from the Hearing Examiner regarding the distance from neighboring structures.

**PUBLIC/AGENCY INPUT:** The following members of the public spoke on the record: Sandra Miranda, Brian Barten, Rosehannah Hewitt, Bernard Frechette, and Caroline Miyngishima.

**APPLICANT REBUTTAL:** Kriss Carpenter answered questions and concerns brought up during public comment regarding noise, traffic, and distance to neighbors.

**HEARING EXAMINER INPUT:** The Hearing Examiner closed the hearing to public testimony and discussed findings and conclusions.

The Hearing Examiner continued this file to December 20, 2023, and requested that the applicant provide an internal site plan of the building and have a surveyor confirm the distances from neighboring properties.

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**DISCUSSION:**

• **Hearing Examiner and Staff Updates**

- The Planning Commission had a public hearing on the changes to the VRP code.
- Public Services, Facilities, and Utilities will be going to public hearing on December 12, 2023.

At 2:21 p.m., the Hearing Examiner declared the hearing adjourned until December 20, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Jacob Gabell, Planning Director

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The above Minutes are hereby approved this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023.

  
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Jacqueline S. Rucker, Hearing Examiner