

## Planning Commission votes to change zones

The Vernonia Planning Commission met on September 20 to hold a public hearing on proposed zone changes.

The changes proposed included adopting an Economic Opportunity Analysis (EOA), amending the City's zone map (1), rezoning some parcels from Residential to Downtown (2), rezoning one parcel on California Avenue from Residential to Light Industrial (3), adding the parcel where the Welcome to Vernonia sign (coming into town from the south) is located to the Down-

town Zone, and changing the zoning of the Alder St/Mist Dr. substation to Institutional Public.

The EOA is a 34 page document. The conclusions at the end of the document make the recommendations noted as (1), (2) and (3) in the prior paragraph. (1) amends the map to change the flood buyout properties from Residential to Institutional Public so they cannot be built on in the future. (2) changes the zoning on three blocks of Rose Ave. (from River St. to Maple St.), two blocks

on Weed Ave. (from Umatilla St. to Maple St.) plus the block being proposed for the Rose Avenue Project (between Rose Ave. and Weed Ave. from Cougar St. to Umatilla St.). The change is from Residential to Downtown zone and would allow for use of the properties as homes or businesses.

The zone changes from Residential to Downtown have been considered the most contentious, though no one spoke in favor or in opposition to this part of the plan at the hearing.

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program is available at [www.independentforclousurereview.com](http://www.independentforclousurereview.com).

Eligible borrowers may get a payment from this settlement even if they participate in another foreclosure claims process. However, any payment received may reduce payments borrowers may be eligible to receive in any other foreclosure claim process or legal proceeding.

Borrowers who believe they may qualify for a payment, but did not receive a notice because they have moved,

should contact the settlement administrator directly to provide that information.

Borrowers do not need to pay anyone to file their claim. Rosenblum warns all homeowners to be aware of settlement-related scams. Do not provide personal information or pay money to anyone who calls or emails you claiming that they are providing settlement-related assistance. If you believe someone is conducting a settlement-related scam, contact the Oregon Department of Justice at 503-378-6002.

## Two needed for Planning Comm.

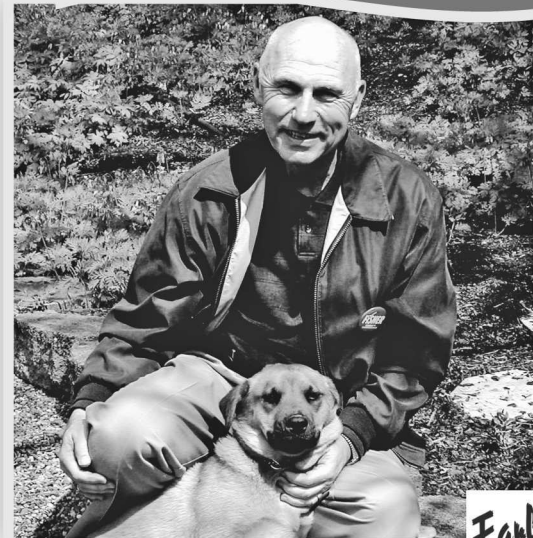
The Vernonia Planning Commission currently has two open positions for community members.

The Planning Commission meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at city hall.

To apply, complete a Volun-

teer Application for Appointment, available on the city website or at city hall, and return it to city hall. The website is [www.vernonia-or.gov](http://www.vernonia-or.gov) at city info, forms and documents. For a copy of the ordinance on the committee, contact Joann at 503-429-5291, ext. 106.

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