

Oroville Planning Commission
Monday, June 15, 2020

Meeting was held via ZOOM.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 by Arnie Marchand, in Luiz Perez absence.

Commissioners Present: Arnie Marchand, Suzi Seger, Sue Edick, Valorie Johnston and
Alternate Paul Neir

Absent: Luis Perez

Staff present: Kurt Danison, Ron Booher, and Deanna Rowton

Also in attendance were Charles and Danielle McNeil, Gary DeVon, Karen Frisbee and Howard
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Arnie called for any corrections to last meeting's minutes and, hearing none, approved the minutes for the December 2019 meeting.

Kurt Danison introduced himself and gave a review of his experience and qualifications.

Kurt reported that the Planning Commission currently has a Shoreline exemption, a Conditional Use permit and a Zoning issue pending. It is the Zoning issue that is currently needing the Commission's attention.

He went on to explain that the business of FungGuy Farms currently is not permissible where they are wanting to have their business, due to the zoning of that property being C-2. C-2 does not allow agriculture uses. He said, also, that any discussion the Commission previously had, was all due to the Comprehensive Plan and nothing was done with Zoning.

There are several issues to be dealt with. Some of those issues are building related. However, retail sales, commercial agriculture and processing are all land use issues. Wholesale agriculture could possibly be done in a C-2 zone with a conditional use permit with a change to the zoning code. At this time, there has been no action from the Planning Commission that would allow the proposed use in that zone.

A discussion ensued which included comments from Mr. McNeil (owner of FungGuy Farms) and his wife explaining what they thought has been done and what their efforts have been. Ron Booher, the City's Building Official explained his findings and understanding of the situation. Mr. Danison suggested that the Commission consider a "restart" using a modified version of the original request for the rezone.

Arnie polled the commission members on what they felt about the procedure, 1) leave everything alone and let it stand as is or 2) to reconsider the application and move through the process correctly and completely? The consensus was unanimous that they wanted to look at the proposal and move through the process to completion.

Kurt explained the process and said that he would work with the applicants and have an

application ready for the next meeting in July. Then, we would be ready for a public hearing, at the earliest to be at the August meeting. He reported that what we need to deal with is land use first and then the building issues can be addressed. Depending on how the process goes, the land use issue may or may not be favorable to the mushroom growing company.

There was an item on the agenda regarding the animal ordinance that Arnie said could be tabled until the next meeting, due to the time today's issue has taken.

Deanna reported that we had received a letter of resignation from Sue Edick effective 6/19/20. Sue made a motion for Paul Neir to be moved to her vacated position. Suzie Seger seconded the motion and it passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25.

The next meeting will be July 20, 2020.