

Oroville Planning Commission  
Monday, April 15, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 by Arnie Marchand.

Commissioners Present: Arnie Marchand, Luis Perez, Valorie Johnston, Suzie Seger, Sue Edick, and Alternate Paul Neir

Absent: none

Staff present: Deanna Rowton and Christian Johnson

It was reported that the Council appointed Paul Neir to serve another term.

Arnie called for any corrections to last meeting's minutes and, hearing none, approved the minutes for the December meeting.

There was a public hearing scheduled for this meeting, so Arnie opened the hearing by stating: "The purpose of this hearing is to take testimony relevant to the Planning Commission making a recommendation to the City Council on proposed update amendments to the Land Use, Transportation and Parks & Recreation Elements of the Oroville Comprehensive Plan. The proposal will be applied to the current incorporated boundaries of the City of Oroville, and, in the future as annexed, the City's Urban Growth Area (UGA) which is generally identified in the Oroville Comprehensive Plan as an area located below the 1,200' elevation contour level wholly or partially within Sections 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 33 & 34 of Township 40 N., Range 27 E.WM, Okanogan County, Washington. File identification number ORO RA 19-1." Then Arnie asked: "Are there any challenges to the Planning Commission's jurisdiction in this matter?" No one replied. He then asked: "Does any member of the Commission wish to excuse themselves for potential conflict of interest or appearance of fairness issues, or to disclose any information that may raise such issues?" Again, there was no response. Arnie asked: "Does any member of the Commission wish to disclose any communications they may have had in the community regarding this proposal such that everyone will have the benefit of the information? In that this a legislative proposal, such communications are not alone grounds for exclusion from the proceedings." No one responded to this question either. So then, he asked "Is there anyone present who wishes to challenge any of the Planning Commission membership, or myself as Chairman, for conflicts of interest or appearance of fairness issues in conducting this hearing?" There was no response to this question.

Building Official Johnson presented the Hearing Packet, which included

- Notice of Initiation of Amendments, Issuance of a Determination of Non-significance under SETA and Public Hearings on the Matter. Land Use, Transportation and Parks & Recreations Elements Oroville Comprehensive Plan 2019 update issued April 1, 2019.
- Project SEPA checklist
- April 4, 2019 versions of the Land Use Designations and related maps, Transportation Circulation and related maps and Park & Recreation Elements
- Affidavit of Publications of the Notice on April 4, 2019.

There was review of the Land Use Designations and the maps were presented and reviewed. Then the Transportation / Circulation Element was reviewed and discussed. It was

suggested that Central is much more suited for the larger trucks and that there should be consideration of traffic flow from Alder to Central for large truck traffic to enter Main Street. Also discussed was that the Airport area needs to have a "buffer" surrounding it. "Right of Way" goals were discussed and suggested that be looked into in the near future.

The Parks and Recreation Element of the Comprehensive Plan was presented. The Survey of 2001 was brought up for discussion and it was questioned whether we should do this again, being that public opinion has most likely changed a lot since then. It was decided that, at this time, we should focus on getting the current proposal adopted into the Comp Plan as it has been "in the works" for such an extended period of time. It was suggested that in the future, the Comp Plan should state that a survey be done every so often, maybe every 10 – 15 years.

The Capital Plan was brought up and mentioned as to how "outdated" it is also. Once again, the decision to go forward with this proposal was a priority. Because of limited time Arnie announced "The testimony portion is now continued until our May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting; no testimony will be taken until then."

The county's Shoreline Master Program Update was brought up and Christian stated that the County will be adopting it in the near future. Arnie expressed that he would like to see us accept and adopt the County's Plan as they have done so much work on it. Neil made a motion to adopt the County Shoreline Master Program Update. It was seconded by Sue Edick and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00.

The next meeting will be May 20, 2019.