

Oroville Planning Commission
Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Meeting called to order at 4:33 pm by Chairman Marc Egerton.

Present: Commissioners Marc Egerton, Judy Dunston, Luis Perez and Suzi Seger.

Absent: Steve Shimmel.

Staff present: Chris Branch and JoAnn Denney.

Approval of the minutes from the April 4th regular meeting. Motion by Suzi Seger to approve the minutes as written, second by Judy Dunston; motion carried.

Public comment period / Planning Commission inquiries / Staff updates.

Update given by Branch on the Critical Areas Ordinance workshop held prior to the April 17th City Council meeting. Discussed difficulty in condensing the information into 1 hour.

Chris reminded the Commission that the County Planning Commission will hold a hearing on their Critical Areas Ordinance during their Monday, April 23rd meeting; hearing scheduled for 7:00 pm. Discussion on some of the differences between the City and County updates.

Discussed importance of actually seeing critical areas in person; discussed past field trips and how beneficial they were.

Discussion on Best Available Science and how it relates to the updates.

Discussion on City Expansion Area and pre-designation.

Discussed that the Shoreline Master Program has to be updated by 2014. Critical Areas Ordinance update is required every 7 years (after 2002).

Chris stated that the City Council may decide to have another Critical Areas Ordinance workshop.

Discussion on Planning Commission hearing for Critical Areas Ordinance; additional publications are needed. Discussed the lack of public attendance at meetings even though several publications have been put in the paper.

Marc would like to have a Critical Areas field trip; discussed importance of discussing issues on-site and how the ordinance would affect properties.

Discussion on the May 2nd meeting; Chris Branch will be gone. May 2nd meeting will be cancelled; JoAnn to publish cancellation. Commission would like to have the Critical Areas field trip during the May 16th meeting.

Further wetlands discussion. Review of aerial photo of Tonasket Creek and how the Critical Areas Ordinance would apply to adjacent properties.

Further meeting schedule discussion. May 16th will be the Critical Areas field trip. Chris will be absent June 20th; Commission to discuss during the June 6th meeting on whether to reschedule or cancel the June 20th meeting.

Marc inquired if the maps have been completed as discussed during the previous meeting; maps are still being worked on.

County Airport Compatibility Planning update given by Branch. County Commissioners will hold a moratorium hearing on Monday, April 23rd at 11:00. Those working on the Airport Compatibility Planning hope to have the plan completed in 6 months. Discussion on map showing different zones around the airport. Brief review of the County Zoning Use Chart.

Comp Plan Land Use Designations discussion to be tabled until the draft maps are completed.

Reminder that the May 2nd meeting will be cancelled; JoAnn to publish cancellation. Also, the May 16th meeting will be changed to a workshop to allow for a Critical Areas field trip; JoAnn to publish change.

As there being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Next meeting to be held Wednesday, May 16, 2012 at 4:30 pm.