

Oroville Planning Commission
Wednesday, June 5, 2013

Meeting called to order at 4:35 pm by Chairman Steve Shimmel.

Present: Commissioners Marc Egerton, Judy Dunston, Suzi Seger and Steve Shimmel.

Absent: Luis Perez.

Staff present: Chris Branch and JoAnn Denney.

Approval of the minutes from the May 15th regular meeting. Motion by Suzi Seger to approve the minutes as written, second by Marc Egerton; motion carried.

Public comment period / Planning Commission inquiries / Staff updates.

No public in attendance.

Marc questioned if repairs have been made to the boat launch at Deep Bay; repairs were made a couple of months ago. Chris stated that the current permit is good for 5 years.

Steve commented on the coverage in the newspaper of Chris Branch requesting public input on the Critical Areas Ordinance. Update given on Critical Areas Ordinance status. City Council was scheduled to hold a public hearing during their last meeting, however, current copies of the ordinance were not available and the City Council tabled the public hearing; currently reviewing the ordinance. City Council will hold a workshop prior to their June 18th meeting to discuss the Critical Areas Ordinance; the public is encouraged to attend.

Critical Areas Ordinance. Discussion on concerns brought up so far from the council; difficult regulation to understand. Discussion on the 4-tier system for wetlands.

Chris stated that the Shoreline Master Program must be updated by the end of 2013; discussion on SMP setbacks. Discussed that the City has been waiting on the County to get their SMP approved and it hasn't happened yet. The City needs to move forward with their SMP. Discussion on shoreline designations.

Regulations vs. Private Property Rights discussion.

Critical Areas Ordinance public hearing will be scheduled for Tuesday, July 2nd; workshop to be held June 18th beginning at 6:00 pm.

Discussion on Reasonable Use Exemption.

Further discussion on improvements made to the Pastime; Judy stated that her son from out of town ate there with her husband and they were very pleased with the improvements.

Suzi questioned the expansion of the Reman storage area across the road from the facility; Chris stated that it will only be the area that is currently being worked on, won't extend further at this time.

Chris discussed the possibility of a sub-area plan being developed for the Jennings Loop Area; discussion on benefits.

Chris gave an update from the Washington Airport Management Association Conference he attended; one example of topics included noise.

Marc questioned the status of the Canola Crushing plant; Chris stated that they are in operation and will continue to grow. Discussion on availability of Canola.

Draft Zoning Code Amendment regarding Septic Service Businesses. Review of draft and discussion on need for ordinance. Planning Commission public hearing to be scheduled for June 19th.

Discussion on sewage issues. Compliance and permitting of pumping companies, storage of sewage, etc. and the need for locations for the sewage to be treated. Only one facility is currently in operation and it is located in Brewster. Discussion on the concern about sewage being dumped into the City system and the negative effects on the sewage treatment plant.

As there being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Next meeting to be held Wednesday, June 19, 2013 at 4:30 pm.