

Oroville Planning Commission
Wednesday, January 4, 2012

Meeting called to order at 4:30 pm by Chairman Marc Egerton.

Present: Commissioners Marc Egerton, Luis Perez, Suzi Seger and Steve Shimmel.

Absent: Judy Dunston.

Staff present: Chris Branch and JoAnn Denney.

Approval of the minutes from the December 21st regular meeting. Motion by Steve Shimmel to approve the minutes as written, second by Suzi Seger; motion carried.

Public comment period / Planning Commission inquiries / Staff updates.

- * Chris stated that he had attended a meeting regarding having a feasibility study conducted to look into setting up a Public Transportation Benefit Area; feasibility study would show whether or not it should be considered as a ballot issue. Discussion on benefits, etc. of having a Public Transportation Benefit Area established.
- * Chris updated the Commission on a few of the items discussed during the January 3rd City Council meeting. Ordinance was adopted extending the interim official control regarding critical areas. Chris also briefly updated the Council on the Critical Areas Workshop to be held during the January 4th Planning Commission meeting.
- * General discussion held on densities in the County; population discussion for the County / City.
- * Discussion on how to encourage people to shop in Oroville. Tourism, Economic Development discussion. Discussed the positive impacts on the community that trails generate.

Workshop scheduled for 5:00 to discuss the Critical Areas Ordinance; no public in attendance.

Chris stated that an Outdoor Recreation workshop has been scheduled by the County at 6:00 to follow the Planning Commission meeting. Brief discussion on the Outdoor Recreation Survey that was conducted. Further discussion on importance of creating trails.

Discussion on Critical Areas, the reasons behind the update and Best Available Science. Chris also stated that the Steelhead status has been changed from Endangered to Threatened; the Bald Eagle was also changed from Endangered to Threatened.

2nd workshop to be held on the Critical Areas Ordinance during the January 18th meeting; hope to get more public participation. Chris stated that the Critical Areas Ordinance and related items have been put on the City web-site. Discussed comments received so far from various agencies.

Suzi questioned trail regulations; example of dogs needing to be kept on leashes. Signs will be placed to encourage leashes, etc.

Discussion on setbacks and how the Ordinance High Water Mark is measured.

As there being no further business, meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Next meeting to be held Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at 4:30 pm.