

Oroville Planning Commission
Wednesday, March 6, 2013

Meeting called to order at 4:30 pm by Chairman Steve Shimmel.

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

Absent: Luis Perez.

Staff present: Chris Branch and JoAnn Denney.

Approval of the minutes from the February 20th regular meeting. Motion by Judy Dunston to approve the minutes as written, second by Marc Egerton; motion carried.

Public comment period / Planning Commission inquiries / Staff updates.

No public in attendance.

Staff updates - Chris reported on the City Council meeting held March 5th; the following items were discussed:

- × Similkameen Trailhead CUP was approved. Planning Commission question on trail maintenance; maintained by the County and volunteers of the project.
- × Joseph Enzensperger was at the City Council meeting and discussed: the Pacific Northwest Trail, support for the trail, the fact that the trail is a National Scenic Trail and community involvement for the PNT. Chris discussed the Enloe Dam connection to the trail and the history of the trail property acquisition.
- × Planning Commission question on Carbon Cycle Crush and the availability of canola seed. CCC is currently getting the canola seed from Alberta, but long term goal is to get it from local growers.

Additional Council updates:

- × Chris discussed the annexation bills currently being proposed; Chris got approval from the City Council to comment on behalf of the City. Discussed proposed bills.
- × Chris discussed the application submitted by the City for the DNR land lease for the water line to serve Champerty Shores; as the line will be turned over to the City, the City is the applicant. Chris stated that the City Council approved the application submittal during the March 5th meeting.
- × Chris discussed the water reservoir that will be built due to the new Border Patrol Station.

Marc questioned the maintenance of the senior project planting done along the highway at the south end of the City. Discussed that ongoing maintenance is needed and should be an ongoing senior project option. Chris to mention to George Thornton.

Chris stated that a senior project proposal was brought to the City Council for repair to the Welcome Gates; approval was given.

Chris stated that the Scenic Byway Sign is still moving forward.

Critical Areas Ordinance. Chris is still working on the Findings of Facts and Conclusions.

Airport Zoning Update; no new information has been received from the County. Chris has talked to Perry Huston and he's hoping to get something to the Cities soon; still bringing the new County Commissioners up to speed on several issues. Another issue being worked on by the County is financing options for the Eastlake Sewer System. Approval has been given for a two year deferral on payments.

Discussion on development agreements. Brief discussion on the Scott Thorndike Development Agreement. Further discussion on development agreements and what they include; example of plat approval with conditions, phasing of projects, etc.

Discussion on development and how it impacts infrastructure.

Steve would like to state that updates have been given, but felt that the meeting was not necessary; wondered if it was the best use of Chris' time. Questioned cancelling meetings if there is no new business. Marc discussed the importance of updates from Chris from the Council meetings and other issues that could affect the Planning Commission. Suzi stated that she enjoys the conversation and feels that the meetings are valuable. Judy felt that the meetings are valuable, but agrees that occasional meetings could be cancelled if there is no new business. Discussion on options. Chris stated that at meetings where there isn't a lot going on, the Commission could work on review of the current Comprehensive Plan to see if changes should be made; brief review of the land use section addressing annexations. Brief work plan discussion. Further discussion on meetings and comp plan review. Chris discussed the need to create a sub area plan for the Jennings Loop area.

Meeting discussion. Commission agreed that occasional meetings could be cancelled if there is no new business, but definitely need to have at least one meeting per month. Marc stated that if a meeting is cancelled, he would like to request an update e-mail from Chris to keep the Planning Commission informed. Chris stated that he likes the connection between the Planning Commission and the public, helps keep the facts straight.

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

Next meeting to be held Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at 4:30 pm.