
**PLUMAS COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION**
Minutes of the Meeting of August 18, 2016

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Dr. Robert Abbott, *Commissioner* (District 1)
Dr. Shauna Rossington, *Vice Chair* (District 2)

Larry Williams, *Chair* (District 4)
John Olofson, *Commissioner* (District 5)

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Plumas County Planning Commission (the *Commission*) convenes in a meeting on August 18, 2016, at 10:10 a.m. in the Planning and Building Services Conference Room, Quincy, CA;

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: John Olofson, Larry Williams, Dr. Robert Abbott
Commissioners Absent: Dr. Shauna Rossington

Also in attendance (*Supervisors and staff*)

Randy Wilson, Planning Director
Rebecca Herrin, Senior Planner
Supervisor Lori Simpson, District 4
County Counsel Craig Settlemyre

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

Supervisor Lori Simpson, District 4, reports that drones have been reported flying near the airport in Quincy. This affects the airspace and she has been in contact with Plumas District Hospital/Careflight, the Sheriff and Facilities Services. Dony Sawchuk of Facilities Services is working on a press release. FAA regulations prohibit flying drones within five miles of airports. Randy Wilson responds that he will speak with George Terhune of the Airport Land Use Commission.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF MAY 19, 2016

M/S/C to approve the minutes of May 19, 2016: Olofson/Abbott/3-0.

VI. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Randy Wilson reports on the Board of Supervisors hearing on Tuesday, August 16th on the cannabis moratoria ordinances. The meeting was over two and one half hours long and the Board did not adopt a moratorium on commercial cannabis or on dispensaries. The Board will appoint a committee to work on medical cannabis issues and this committee will be a Brown Act committee with open meetings. It was an orderly meeting with a large turnout.

Wilson emailed information to the Planning Commissioners and the Board members regarding his ideas on developing the cannabis ordinance in order to begin the discussion. He also emailed a proposal for setting up collection of local taxes on cannabis from SC Consulting Group. Wilson explains that since the permit process is unknown, it is difficult to tie taxes into the budget process. He has compiled a stack of ordinances from other jurisdictions to review. Rebecca Herrin and Wilson will work on development of a cannabis section on the Plumas County website.

The Planning Directors' listserve has discussion of SB 1000 which may reduce the County's ability to condition projects and may require an Environmental Justice element pertaining to disadvantaged communities. Wilson will provide an update at the next meeting.

Wilson announces that the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) is on the website and contains information about disadvantaged communities.

Commissioner Olofson questions County Counsel that, if he favors a different solution to the marijuana ordinance process, can he present his idea. County Counsel Settlemire indicates that he has exchanged emails with Commissioner Olofson and as Wilson's report is informational, the Commissioner's position is to ask for clarification, but to steer clear of discussion. He may suggest a future agenda item, however.

Commissioner Olofson feels that the testimony at the hearing was skewed and full of theatrics and personal opinions. The bulk of the testimony appeared to be from Supervisorial District 2. Olofson thinks that in order to get more objective testimony, the Planning Commission might suggest to the Board of Supervisors that the Commission hold meetings in the various districts to solicit input from those not in favor of a medical cannabis ordinance. Commissioner Abbott adds that of the people he has talked to in his district, 100 percent are opposed.

Chair Williams explains that this is not within the Planning Commission purview; it is now the Board's responsibility. Wilson adds that he anticipates there will be meetings held throughout the County. Settlemire suggests that the Commission could give direction to staff to put an agenda item on the September 1st Planning Commission agenda, so that the Commission could provide input to the Board prior to the September 6th Board meeting, but that the item is not on today's agenda.

Chair Williams indicates that he would like three items on the next agenda:

- Agenda item submittal policy
- Speaker forms (distributed by Commissioner Olofson at the last meeting)
- Planning Commission's position on the cannabis ordinance procedure

VII. PLANNING COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

After discussion, Chair Williams opens the floor to Commissioner Olofson. He reports that he and Supervisor Engel met with consultant Coleen Shade on the recreation issue. Shade suggested that a countywide master recreation plan be prepared and will be looking at ways to finance such a plan. Wilson questions if this would be a general plan element or a master plan. Olofson responds that this would be a separate master plan specifically to achieve winter recreation.

A business owner has expressed interest in returning the highway to a two-way instead of one-way direction and Shade suggested a community plan could accomplish that.

VIII. GENERAL PLAN GOALS, POLICIES, IMPLEMENTATION MEASURES REGARDING RECREATION/ECONOMICS

Rebecca Herrin reads from a staff document that includes General Plan excerpts. The excerpts are goals, policies, and implementation measures that pertain to economic development and recreation.

Supervisor Simpson explains the economic development work she has been involved with for some time. She brought the issue to the Board of Supervisors a year ago and it has been tied up in the budget process. The strategy is in the Economic Element of the General Plan.

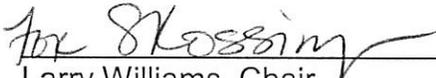
Commissioner Williams adds that plans often end up on a shelf without implementation. He would like to see a committee of responsible people, including representatives from the college, give input.

County Counsel Settlemire explains that the Planning Commission's purpose in examining this issue (agenda item) is to determine if there is something that is not being addressed in the general plan or are there aspects not being implemented? If so, those items should be identified to consider what can be done.

Herrin reads AG/FOR 8.2.3. Chair Williams questions how these agricultural uses, such as processing, relate to cannabis production as cannabis is an agricultural crop.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion is made by Commissioner Olofson, seconded by Dr. Abbott, with a unanimous affirmative vote recorded, to adjourn the meeting of August 18, 2016, at 11:54 a.m.



Larry Williams, Chair
Plumas County Planning Commission



Rebecca Herrin, Senior Planner