
**PLUMAS COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION**

Minutes of the Meeting of May 20, 2010

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

Mark Dotta, *Chair* (District 1) **Larry Williams**, *Commissioner* (District 4)
Betsy Schramel, *Vice Chair* (District 2) **John Olofson**, *Commissioner* (District 5)
Richard Rydell, *Commissioner* (District 3)



The Plumas County Planning Commission (*the Commission*) convenes in a Meeting on May 20, 2010, at 10:01 a.m. in the Planning and Building Services Conference Room, Quincy, CA; Chair Mark Dotta presiding.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Schramel, Olofson, Williams, Dotta
Commissioners Absent: Rydell

Supervisors/Staff/Consultants Attending:

Terry Swofford, Supervisor	Dennis Miller, GIS Coordinator
Randy Wilson, Planning Director	Nancy Fluke, Recording Secretary
Rebecca Herrin, Senior Planner	

IV. CONSENT ITEMS:

A. ITEMS TO BE CONTINUED OR WITHDRAWN FROM THE AGENDA

Dotta asks the Commissioners if there are any items to be continued or withdrawn from the agenda. Hearing none, Dotta calls for a motion to approve the agenda as it stands. Olofson makes the motion, Williams seconds the motion, and a unanimous affirmative voice vote is recorded.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 15, 2010 Meeting

Correction is made by Williams to change *Measure 8* to *Measure A* on Page 2, Item V, Line 1.

Dotta calls for a motion to approve the minutes of April 15, 2010, as corrected. Motion is made by Schramel, Williams seconds the motion, and a unanimous affirmative voice vote is recorded.

V. COMMISSIONER REPORTS / COMMENTS

Williams comments that he recently attended a meeting that focused on biomass grant funding. Williams adds that the topic will be continued at a subsequent meeting whereby a representative from Nevada County will discuss their biomass model and scientists from UC will provide information.

A. CONTINUED DISCUSSION: RULES OF CONDUCT - ABSENTEEISM

Dotta says he believes the subject of absenteeism would need to be addressed by the Supervisors because they appoint the Planning Commissioners. Discussion takes place among Commissioners about notifying a supervisor of a consistently absent member and how many unexcused absences should be tolerated. General consensus among the Commissioners is that three unexcused absences would trigger notification to the appropriate supervisor. Wilson states he will draft wording to be included in the Rules of Conduct and have the Commissioners approve the wording at a subsequent meeting.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

Dotta opens the Public Comment Opportunity. Hearing no comments, Dotta closes the Public Comment Opportunity.

VII. GENERAL PLAN UPDATE PROCESS

A. CONSULTANT TEAM'S REPORT

1. STATUS ON CONSULTANT PRODUCTS

a.) Briefing Report

Dennis Miller, GIS Coordinator, briefly talks about the Web Link for the Briefing Report. Dotta opens the discussion by stating his concerns about the emphasis on climate change in the report. Williams says that subject was probably mentioned to satisfy SB 32. Olofson says he really didn't have a lot of time to review the report prior to the meeting. Wilson mentions that on June 8, 2010, at 11:30 a.m., the Board will be given an update by the consultant concerning the report. Williams asks how much time the Commissioners have to review the Draft Briefing Report. Wilson responds that they have until the upcoming public meetings.

B. PUBLIC INPUT OPPORTUNITY

No comments are made.

VIII. PRESENTATION - PLANNING FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES: ADVANCING EQUITY IN HEALTH AND SAFETY

Transcriber's Note: Attached you will find the content of Mimi Hall's Power Point presentation. This material can also be located on the Planning and Building Services Website (www.plumascountyplanningandbuilding.com).

Hall introduces herself and explains she is not a planner but she believes she can educate policy makers concerning health and human services and outcomes for quality of life. Hall adds that she strives to get people who are in authority to devote funding to these matters. Hall explains "Smart Growth Strategies" and says Plumas County is doing pretty well in this area. Hall begins her Power Point Presentation and elaborates on the following:

- Funding cuts to public health at the State level;
- Significant poverty level for children in Plumas County;
- Social Capital – Grass level assistance to keep programs alive;
- Water Fluoridation – efforts to inform policy makers of health problems that have been observed when fluoridation programs are not in place;
- Problems associated with a "free" clinic scenario that played out in Indian Valley;
- An explanation of "Built Environment";
- An explanation of "Social Justice".

IX. PLANNING COMMISSIONERS' INPUT ON THE DRAFT REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN – 2010

John Mannle, Assistant Engineer – Transportation Planner, introduces himself and begins his overview of the *Draft Plumas County Regional Transportation Plan – 2010.*, as outlined in the Table of Contents. Mannle highlights the following topics that might be of particular interest to the Planning Commission during the General Plan Update process:

- Traffic impact in all areas of the county;
- Future of public transit system in the County;
- Future business development as it relates to shipping out of county.

X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. **PLANNING DEPARTMENT WEBSITE UPDATE – No Report**
2. **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORT**

Wilson reports on the following items recently presented to, or discussed by, the Board of Supervisors:

- Lease signed for with Forest Service for the fire station at Beckwourth.
- Approval of some of the festivals proposed at Beldentown Resort.

3. **ON-GOING PROJECT UPDATES – No Report**

XI. **CORRESPONDENCE** - None

XII. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Follow-up regarding John Shower's paper
- Continuation of John Sheehan's presentation on Economic Development Strategy (June 3, 2010, meeting)
- Presentation regarding *Feather River Coordinated Resource Management* by Jim Wilcox (June 3, 2010 meeting)
- Planning Commission Goals

XIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Dotta adjourns the meeting May 20, 2010, at 12:57 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting is June 3, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., in the Planning & Building Department Conference Room.



Mark Dotta, Chair
Plumas County Planning Commission



Nancy Fluke, Recording Secretary