
**PLUMAS COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION**

Minutes of the Meeting of June 3, 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 June 3, 2010, at 10:03 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:

Randy Wilson, Planning Director
Rebecca Herrin, Senior Planner
Nancy Fluke, Recording Secretary

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A. ITEMS TO BE CONTINUED OR WITHDRAWN FROM THE AGENDA

Dotta asks the Commissioners if there are any items to be continued or withdrawn from the agenda.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. Williams makes the motion, Schramel seconds the motion, and a unanimous affirmative voice vote is recorded.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes are available.

V. COMMISSIONER REPORTS / COMMENTS

A. RULES OF CONDUCT – ABSENTEEISM

Dotta calls for a motion to approve *Resolution Number PC 10-002* that modifies the Rules of Conduct with the addition of *Item XI-Attendance* that reads as follows: *After three (3) consecutive unexcused absences by a Planning Commissioner, the Board of Supervisors shall be notified.* Williams makes the motion, Olofson seconds the motion and a unanimous affirmative voice vote is recorded.

B. PLUMAS COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Dotta asks if any Commissioners wish to comment on the Draft Plumas County Regional Transportation Plan. Williams says he would like to know the names of the bridges that are considered non-functional. Schramel would like the topic of the sharp roadway shoulder drop-offs addressed.

C. OTHER REPORTS/COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

Schramel mentions a recent bike race in Indian Valley. Shower adds that this type of event is a good example of what he was emphasizing in his paper to the Planning Commissioners. Schramel continues that the updated General Plan will need to evaluate the significance of trails in the county and recreation in general. Shower emphasizes the importance of having strategies in place to keep the economy in the county afloat.

Schramel reports that there will be a Greenville Streetscape meeting with the Transportation Committee on June 10, 2010, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall, Greenville.

Olofson says he recently attended a meeting of Plumas Alliance that focused on ideas for economic development. Olofson mentions a proposal to “rent your own train car” as an effort to enhance tourism.

Olofson provides follow-up information about Dr. Kimberly Koslowski’s desire to promote Nordic Skiing in Plumas County and that she has a list of equipment available for that pursuit. Olofson adds that he will provide a copy of that information to the Commissioners. Wilson questions where Koslowski is proposing this activity. Olofson answers that Koslowski is talking to Graeagle Land and Water about possible locations and also Grizzly Camp might be an option.

Dotta mentions hearing a proposal to promote train excursions from Portola to the Bay Area.

Dotta states that he attended a recent Special District meeting where John Benoit, Executive Officer of LAFCo, provided an update about Plumas LAFCo. Dotta adds that it was a good presentation and that LAFCo appears to have considerable power.

Williams says he attended a Biofuels Meeting. John Sheehan from Plumas Corporation provides additional information from the meeting pertaining to

gasification of biofuels, IHUB, UC Cooperative Extension, sustainability, and grant opportunities.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

Dotta opens the Public Comment Opportunity. John Shower, resident of Indian Valley, presents to the Commissioners a paper he wrote that expresses his ideas concerning the General Plan revision, environment and the economy. Shower asks if the Commissioners would be willing to review his paper and discuss it at a future meeting. The Commissioners agree to have Shower return at the June 17, 2010, Planning Commission meeting.

Working Group member, John Shower, stated his concern that the plan from the Consultant doesn't clearly address the role of the Planning Commission in the General Plan update and that the Working Groups are not allowed sufficient opportunity to provide input. Williams adds that he has heard the same sentiment from Working Group members in his district. Dotta comments that the Planning Commission's role is to present an updated General Plan to the Board of Supervisors for their approval. Wilson states that the Consultant is in the process of summarizing the Working Group activities; and with that information, the Planning Commission will make a decision on the format of the General Plan. Wilson adds that a draft of the General Plan should be ready in August.

Dotta asks if there are any further comments. Hearing none, Dotta closes the Public Comment Opportunity.

VII. GENERAL PLAN UPDATE PROCESS

A. CONSULTANT TEAM'S REPORT

Wilson states that the Consultant will provide a report regarding the Working Groups at the next meeting.

1. STATUS ON CONSULTANT PRODUCTS

a.) Briefing Report

Schramel suggests that the Briefing Report is continued on the next Planning Commission agenda. Schramel expresses her concern that the Briefing Report did not list the entire scope of schools in the county (i.e., Charter Schools). Schramel adds that she would very much like to see that information added to the Briefing Report.

B. PUBLIC INPUT OPPORTUNITY – *No comments.*

VIII. PRESENTATION: WATER ELEMENT IN LAND USE PLANNING

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

Jim Wilcox, Program Manager of the Feather River Coordinated Resource Management (CRM) introduces himself and begins his Power Point Presentation that focuses on the following:

- Background information regarding the CRM;
- Watershed characteristics;
- Land Use Concerns;
- Loss of Hydrolic function;
- Watershed Element considerations;
- Meadow edge road/channel conflicts;

Discussion takes place concerning problems in the relationship between Plumas County and the southern counties in the State over water. Wilcox stresses the importance of addressing this matter in the General Plan.

IX. CONTINUED PRESENTATION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY REVIEW –

John Sheehan, Plumas Corporation, continues his presentation from the May 6, 2010, Planning Commission meeting with a focus on the topic of Economic Strategies. Sheehan explains that he personally has an abundance of commitments and that a person solely dedicated to economic strategies is needed. Sheehan continues with a summary of projects such as a septage de-watering facility in Delleker and the Plumas-Eureka Ski Bowl. Sheehan's presentation and discussion among Commissioners, Staff, and attendees concentrates on the following issues:

- Land use;
- Changing demographics;
- Economic diversification;
- Business improvement districts;
- Ground based heat pumps;
- "Retail leakage";
- Basic tourism infrastructure;
- Artist cooperatives;
- Volunteerism.

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:

- Festival permits for events in the Feather River Canyon are still being discussed by the Board.
- The hiring of a County Counsel is still being considered by the Board.
- The General Plan Update Consultant will give a report at the June 8th Board meeting.

3. ON-GOING PROJECT UPDATES

- a.) **Zoning Administrator** – *No report.*
- b.) **Current Planning** – *No report.*

XI. CORRESPONDENCE

- Workshop notice – *California Water Quality and Its Impact on Supply.*

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Briefing Report – *continued discussion.*
- General Plan Policy language suggestions – June 17, 2010, meeting.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Dotta adjourns the meeting June 3, 2010, at 1:05 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting is June 17, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., in the Planning & Building Department Conference Room.



Mark Dotta, Chair
Plumas County Planning Commission



Nancy Fluke, Recording Secretary