
**PLUMAS COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION**

Minutes of the Meeting of January 6, 2011

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 January 6, 2011, at 10:04 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, Dotta
 Rydell - *Attends the meeting telephonically at 7310 Winding Oaks Drive, Colorado Springs, CO, a public place where other members of the public can participate in the meeting*

Commissioners Absent: Williams

County Supervisors, County Staff, and General Plan Update Consultants Attending:

Terry Swofford, Supervisor (<i>District 1</i>)	Randy Wilson, Planning Director
Jon Kennedy, Supervisor (<i>District 5</i>)	Rebecca Herrin, Senior Planner
Brian Morris, Flood Control	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A. ITEMS TO BE CONTINUED OR WITHDRAWN FROM THE AGENDA

Dotta asks the Commissioners if there are any items to be continued or withdrawn from the agenda. Schramel suggests that at the end of the meeting, a discussion about zoning for a subdivision in LaPorte takes place. Wilson says he will address that topic during *Item IX-A-2-a, Zoning Administrator*. Dotta calls for a motion to approve the agenda with the suggestion by Schramel noted. Schramel makes the motion, Olofson seconds the motion, and a unanimous affirmative voice vote is recorded.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 15, 2010, Meeting

Schramel requests that a correction is made on *page 2, Item V – Paragraph 2, Line 1*, to change *Cy Hall Historical Museum* to *Cy Hall Memorial Museum*.

November 18, 2010 and December 2, 2010 Meetings

Schramel suggests that the minutes of November 18, 2010, and December 2, 2010, reflect that Rydell attended these meetings telephonically and include his location.

December 1, 2010 Meeting - No changes

Dotta calls for a motion to approve the minutes of July 15, 2010, November 18, 2010, December 1, 2010, and December 2, 2010, with correction and additions as noted above. Motion is made by Schramel, Olofson seconds the motion, and a unanimous affirmative voice vote is recorded.

V. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Dotta points out that election of officers, per the *Rules of Conduct of the Planning Commission*, should actually take place at the second Planning Commission meeting of January; therefore, this item will be on the January 20, 2011, agenda.

VI. COMMISSIONER REPORTS / COMMENTS – No reports or comments

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY – No Comments

VIII. GENERAL PLAN UPDATE PROCESS

A. CONSULTANT TEAM'S REPORT

Wilson announces that the Consultant will not be in attendance at this meeting, but most likely will be in attendance at the January 20, 2011, meeting. Several Commissioners express their desire to have the Consultant in attendance at that meeting. Wilson states that he will confirm the Consultant's attendance.

1. STATUS ON CONSULTANT PRODUCTS – No comments

B. PUBLIC INPUT OPPORTUNITY – No comments

C. DRAFT GENERAL PLAN POLICIES AND MAPS –

Dotta states that the review and discussion today of the *Goals and Policies* will begin at *Page 17, Element 5 – Economics, Item 5.1*. Main points of discussion by Commissioners and Staff are focused on the following:

Economics

- Suggestion that an *Economic Development Director*, as a single point of contact, is designated;
- Need to determine what verbiage to use (i.e., what does “support”, “encourage”, and “facilitate” mean);
- Implement an *Advisory Council of Mentors* to tap into community resources and extract expertise;
- Decide whether or not to cite entities such as *Chambers of Commerce* in the General Plan;
- Question asking where the “benchmarks” are;
- Need to be ready when opportunities for new industry, new tourism, and new technologies present themselves;
- Re-institute vocational programs in education and explore ways to keep youth in our communities;

Note: *Dotta calls for a lunch recess at 12:25 p.m. and sets 1:15 p.m. as the time for the meeting to resume.*

Dotta resumes the meeting at 1:22 p.m. and continues the discussion on Page 24, Item 5.7: Energy.

Energy

- Questioning the need for *Item 5.9.6*;
- Suggestion to eliminate the word “along” in *Item 5.9.4*;
- Need to revisit *Item 5.10*;

Health & Safety

- *Item 6.1.5* needs to be re-worded;
- Need to be specific about monitoring;
- Suggestion to add emergency medical and law enforcement to this section;

Dotta ends the review and discussion of the Goals and Policies at Page 32, Item 6.2 – Wild Land Fire Hazards and Fire Protection.

Transcriber’s Note: *The Draft Goals and Policies document was included with the minutes of December 16, 2010. It will not be included with these minutes or subsequent minutes where it appears on the agenda; however, it can be acquired by contacting the Planning Department for a hardcopy or CD, or it can be accessed by visiting the Plumas County Website (www.plumascounty.us) for the minutes of December 16, 2010.*

IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. PLANNING DIRECTOR’S REPORT

- 1. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPORT – No report given**
- 2. ON-GOING PROJECT UPDATES**
 - a.) Zoning Administrator

Wilson states that a subdivision project in the LaPorte area is currently under review by the Zoning Administrator and that a decision has not been made on the matter.

b.) Current Planning - *No update given*

X. CORRESPONDENCE - None

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- *Election of Officers*
- *Comments regarding the draft General Plan Policies & Maps*

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Dotta adjourns the meeting of January 6, 2011, at 3:52 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting is set for January 20, 2011, in the Planning & Building Services Conference Room.



Mark Dotta, Chair
Plumas County Planning Commission



Nancy Fluke, Recording Secretary
Plumas County Planning Department