
**PLUMAS COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION**

Minutes of the Meeting of March 3, 2011

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

Mark Dotta, *Commissioner* (District 1)

Betsy Schramel, *Chair* (District 2)

Richard Rydell, *Commissioner* (District 3)

Larry Williams, *Commissioner* (District 4)

John Olofson, *Vice Chair* (District 5)



The Plumas County Planning Commission (*the Commission*) convenes in a Meeting on March 3, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. in the Planning and Building Services Conference Room, Quincy, CA; Chair Betsy Schramel 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 (*District 1*)

Brian Morris, General Manager of the Flood Control & Water Conservation District

Holly George, Livestock & Natural Resource Advisor

Randy Wilson, Planning Director

Rebecca Herrin, Senior Planner

Jim Graham, Senior Planner

Nancy Fluke, Recording Secretary

IV. CONSENT ITEMS:

A. ITEMS TO BE CONTINUED OR WITHDRAWN FROM THE AGENDA

Schramel calls for a motion to approve the agenda. Olofson makes the motion, Dotta seconds the motion, and a unanimous affirmative voice vote is recorded.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Schramel calls for a motion to approve the minutes of January 20, 2011. Motion is made by Olofson, Dotta seconds the motion, and a unanimous affirmative voice vote is recorded.

V. COMMISSIONER REPORTS / COMMENTS

Schramel mentions that she has an article pertaining to the new requirement for sprinkler systems and that staff can make copies for anyone interested. Schramel also reports that carbon monoxide alarm systems will likely be required in the future as well.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY – *No comments are made.*

VII. GENERAL PLAN UPDATE PROCESS

A. CONSULTANT TEAM'S REPORT – *The consultant is not in attendance.*

B. PUBLIC INPUT OPPORTUNITY – *No comments are made.*

C. DRAFT GENERAL PLAN POLICIES AND MAPS

Wilson hands out the notes prepared by Coleen Shade from the February 2, 2011, Planning Commission meeting that pertain to the Goals & Policy exercise Shade conducted. Wilson adds that discussion regarding the notes can take place at the next Planning Commission meeting to allow the Commissioners a chance to review them. Olofson asks Wilson if the maps will also be discussed at the next meeting and Wilson responds affirmatively. John Hafen, attendee and Working Group member, asks when the administrative draft of the Goals & Policies will be available. Wilson responds that they will be available to the public following review by staff.

Schramel asks Wilson to comment on the OPR extension of the General Plan Update which expires April 30, 2011. Wilson responds that he is in the process of securing a 1 year extension.

VIII. AIRPORT LAND USE COMMISSION (ALUC) COMMENTS REGARDING THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE GENERAL PLAN TO THE AIRPORT LAND USE COMPATIBILITY PLAN (ALUCP)

George Terhune, Chair of the Airport Land Use Commission, refers to his letter to the Planning Commission dated January 31, 2011, in which he provides preliminary comments and suggestions regarding the relationship of the General Plan to the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan. Terhune's begins his oral and visual presentation with a focus on the following items:

- Restrictions and authority given by ALUC to Planning and Building Services;
- Which zones require review by ALUC;
- Mapping overlays (changing overlay is easier than changing General Plan);

- How compatibility zones are determined by ALUC;
- Terms *least restrictive* and *more restrictive* (Terhune uses example of the three proposed sites for the new Plumas County courthouse);
- Need for consistency and cooperation between ALUC and Planning Commission.

IX. WORKSHOP FOLLOW-UP: SIERRA NEVADA MEADOW ENHANCEMENTS EFFORTS, WATER RIGHTS & UNDERSTANDING OF STAKEHOLDER CONCERNS

Schramel thanks Holly George for an excellent workshop and adds that it was very well attended. Schramel continues with the subject of State ownership of water, and Terry Benoit of Cooperative Resource Management (CRM) elaborates that State ownership pertains to surface water and not ground water. Hafen initiates discussion about Sierra County's approach to their water management issues via a Board of Supervisors resolution. Brian Morris of the Plumas County Flood Control & Water Conservation District states a difference between Plumas County and Sierra County is that water management programs have been in existence in Plumas County for quite some time. Morris adds that he will encourage the Plumas County Board of Supervisors to particularly look at the work already accomplished in Plumas County by CRM if they do pursue a resolution dealing with water management and restoration. The discussion continues among Commissioners, Staff, Swofford, George, Hafen, Benoit, and Terhune about having adequate monitoring programs, recognizing short term and long term impacts, and keeping the cumulative impact positive rather than negative.

X. PLUMAS COUNTY COORDINATING COUNCIL

Wilson provides a history of the Coordinating Council in Plumas County. Wilson further explains that the purpose of the Council is to see that Federal and State actions are consistent with County land use plans effecting the natural environment, economic stability, and public health and safety (per Plumas County Board of Supervisors Resolution 08-7514). Wilson states that the Coordinating Council is striving for better communication and a more "up front" and less adversarial approach as County, Federal, and State agencies deal with the various issues.

XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

XII. CORRESPONDENCE – *None*

XIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- *Notes from Coleen Shade – Concerning the Goals & Policies exercise she conducted at the January 20, 2011, P.C. meeting*
- *Jarrett Gibson - Presentation on his high school research project*
- *Comments received on the Draft Goals and Policies*
- *Jay Newman, CalFire Captain - Update on CalFire regulations.*
- *Planning Area maps*
- *Administrative draft of the General Plan Goals & Policies*
- *Presentation by John Benoit, Executive Officer of LAFCo*

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Schramel adjourns the meeting of March 3, 2011, at 12:55 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting is set for March 17, 2011, 10:00 a.m., in the Planning & Building Services Conference Room.



Betsy Schramel, Chair
Plumas County Planning Commission



Nancy Fluke, Recording Secretary
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