
**PLUMAS COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION**

Minutes of the Meeting of March 2, 2017

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 March 2, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Planning and Building Services Conference Room, Quincy, CA. Chair Dr. Shauna Rossington presides.

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Absent: none

Also in attendance (Supervisors and staff)

Randy Wilson, Planning Director
Supervisor Lori Simpson (District 4)
Supervisor Kevin Goss (District 2)

IV. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITEMS TO BE CONTINUED OR WITHDRAWN FROM THE AGENDA

There are no items to be continued or withdrawn from the agenda.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

There is no public comment.

VI. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Planning Director Randy Wilson announces that the code amendment proposal to add schools to all Light Industrial (I-2) zones has been scheduled to be discussed at the Board of Supervisors meeting on March 14th.

Wilson reports that he attended the Planning Director's conference last week. There was a panel on cannabis which included representatives from CA Department of Food and Agriculture, CA Department of Health and Lori Ajack of the Bureau of Medical Cannabis Regulation. The Draft Environmental Impact Report should be released within one month. Draft rulemaking for Food and Agriculture and for Health should also be released in the next month.

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Approximately 130 Housing bills were introduced this session in the legislature.

The Governor's Office of Planning and Research General Plan Guidelines will be released in the next several months.

The CA Air Resources Board had members at the conference. The Trump administration may disavow California's waiver on stricter emissions standards that might impact efforts on climate change and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

Bill Abbott of Abbott and Kindermann gave the annual law review highlighting changes in land use and CEQA law. Bill Abbott has represented the county in previous CEQA lawsuits.

There was a discussion about the problems that result when school districts locate schools on agricultural land outside growth boundaries as defined in General Plans. The Governor's Office of Planning and Research is beginning to look at this issue.

The California Department of Conservation has appointed a new director. The Director discussed changes in the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA) regulations. The county acts as lead agency with 22 mines. Most are aggregate mines. Rebecca Herrin does the mining inspections and works closely with the Department of Conservation's Office of Mine Reclamation. Wilson describes permitting and inspection procedures. There is a new program for auditing; Plumas County is 13th on the schedule for auditing (assistance).

VII. PLANNING COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS:

Commissioner Olofson inquires if Coleen Shade has rescheduled. Wilson responds that she has not but that he will contact her.

VIII. PLUMAS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION POLICY FOR AGENDA PREPARATION AND SUBMITTAL: Discussion/possible action

Chair Rossington explains that she wanted these policies to be incorporated into the bylaws for simplicity. Olofson has questions on the policy differences between items submitted by the Commission and items submitted by the public. Supervisor Simpson explains that, for the Board of Supervisors, the Chair decides if an item should be placed on the agenda after meeting with County Counsel, Human Resources and the Auditor.

Commissioner Abbott explains that this is an attempt to come up with a standard procedure. Williams adds that there needs to be distinctions between public and Commissioner items. Discussion ensues about procedure and responsibility for preparing agendas. Wilson explains that the "ex-officio secretary" is the Planning Director as per the bylaws and has responsibility for preparing the agendas. Wilson works with the Chair as a courtesy.

Commissioner Williams thinks that item III should be for the public procedure as written and new item IIIB should be added for the Commission to add items to the agenda. The commissioner shall make a request of the Chair who shall collaborate on the wording of the item with the Planning Department.

M/S/C: Abbott/Olofson 4-0 to add language pertaining to members of the public submitting agenda items.

M/S/C: Williams/Abbott 4-0 to add words to the existing item III indicating that the language applies to member of the public.

IX. PLUMAS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION POLICY- SPEAKER FORMS:
Discussion/possible action

Commissioner Olofson would like two separate forms, in two different colors, for agenda items and non-agenda items. He feels that large public hearings create pressure for the Chair and that this would simplify the process.

Discussion ensues on how to limit the time for each speaker, how to consolidate comments under one chosen representative. Supervisor Simpson states that it is usually the Chair that controls the time limits and limits repeat comments. Supervisor Goss agrees and usually the public has some direction at the start of the hearing so that they know not to repeat comments. However, he feels that the public has a right to be heard and that sometimes public hearings take all day.

Wilson adds that limiting the time to three minutes is very common. Sometimes there is a limit of five minutes for a group. Williams suggests that two boxes be added to the one form; one box for agenda items and one box for non-agenda items. Rossington calls for a motion.

M/S/C: Abbott/Williams 4-0 to adopt the changes as discussed.

X. PLUMAS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION BYLAWS: Discussion/possible action

Discussion of changes to the bylaws. Wilson will bring back the changes for adoption by the Commission. Wilson has had a request from two Board members to have the bylaws go to the Board for final review and adoption.

XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/ON-GOING PROJECT UPDATES:

Wilson has no informational items or on-going project updates to report.

XII. CORRESPONDENCE:

There is no correspondence.

XIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

M/S/C: Williams/Abbott 4-0 to add the zoning code update as a reoccurring item on each agenda.

There being no further business, motion is made by Commissioner Abbott, seconded by Commissioner Olofson, with a unanimous affirmative vote recorded, to adjourn the meeting of March 2, 2017.

(resigned)
Dr. Shauna Rossington, Chair
Plumas County Planning Commission



Rebecca Herrin, Senior Planner