
PLUMAS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting of June 21, 2018

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Dr. Robert Abbott, Chair (District 1)
Jeff Greening, Commissioner (District 3)
Larry Williams, Commissioner (District 4)
John Olofson, Vice-Chair (District 5)

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Plumas County Planning Commission (the *Commission*) convenes in a meeting on June 21, 2018, at 10:04 a.m. in the Planning and Building Services Conference Room, Quincy, CA. Chair Dr. Robert Abbott presides.

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Dr. Robert Abbott, Jeff Greening, Larry Williams, John Olofson
Commissioners Absent: none

Also in attendance (Supervisors and staff)

Tim Evans, Assistant Planner
Rebecca Herrin, Assistant Planning Director
Gretchen Stuhr, Deputy County Counsel III
Michael Sanchez, Supervisor, District 1

IV. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Items to be continued or withdrawn from the agenda

None.

B. Minutes from the June 7, 2018 meeting

M/S/C: Williams/Olofson/4-0 to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2018 meeting

V. PLANNING COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS/COMMENTS

Commissioners Williams and Olofson compliment the minutes.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

There are no public comments. Supervisor Sanchez discusses the cannabis initiative's potential impact on the budget.

VII. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Planning Director Randy Wilson is not at the meeting to present the report.

Assistant Planning Director Rebecca Herrin reports that the Airport Land Use Commission held a meeting on May 24, 2018. At that meeting, the Commission reviewed the proposed draft

Telecommunications ordinance and recommended that the ordinance move forward. There were no substantive comments.

The Commission also reviewed plans for a proposed recreational trail along the edge of Lake Almanor and adjacent to Chester Rogers Field airport. The proposed trail is in preliminary design stages and the Commission recommended that it be placed 600 to 800 feet from the edge of the runway as proposed to be extended.

VIII. ZONING CODE UPDATE: DRAFT TELECOMMUNICATIONS ORDINANCE:
Discussion/workshop

Assistant Planner Tim Evans presents the current version of the telecommunications ordinance and the changes reflected from the last meeting.

Page 2, "Eligible Facilities Request": wording has been updated as a result of a meeting with Gretchen Stuhr, Deputy County Counsel III.

There is discussion of definition of an "airfield" being a private, personal use and not a public use airport. The concern is the tower setback from any airport may be used to stop a tower from being located adjacent to any airport, heliport or airfield. Herrin explains that staff has provided materials with various definitions of "airport". Staff will attempt to define "airstrip" and bring back the definition for discussion at the next meeting.

Commissioner Olofson questions the definition of "Emergency" on page 2 as perhaps being overly broad. The Commission discusses removal of the definition, subject to review and approval by Stuhr.

Page 3, "monopole": Commissioner Williams proposes adding "regardless of composition or construction" instead of listing types of materials. Also add the wording "that is placed into the ground" instead of "driven into the ground or attached to a foundation."

Page 9, (2) Special Use Permit Requirements: Commissioner Greening suggests reordering and renumbering of the sections under (2).

(e) Performance Security becomes (d) and (e) becomes Indemnification.

Under (e) Performance Security, "cost of facility removal" becomes "cost of site remediation".

Under (e)(4), "indexed for inflation and acceptable to the County Counsel."

Page 12, (6) amateur radio system and tower height: Discussion ensues about permit requirements and exemptions. A letter, dated June 18, 2018, was received from the Plumas Amateur Radio Club asking for removal of limitations as systems are in compliance with federal regulations. Keith Chambers reminds the Commission of potential issues with visual impacts and aesthetics to surrounding neighborhoods. Commission Williams suggests consultation with Charles White, Building Official.

Page 11, (4) Keith Chambers suggest changing wording from "within rights-of-way" to "within public or private utility easements" as a clarification.

Page 14, (p) Cultural Resources": Commissioner Williams suggests changing "arrowhead" to "projectile points". Keith Chambers suggests the addition of "including, but not limited to" before projectile points.

Page 16, Section 9-2.4110. Facility Abandonment and Remediation: add wording to sections with "remove" or "removed" or "removal" adding "remediation", "remediate", "remediated" and "remediate, if necessary". Stuhr suggests addition of the revised language throughout the paragraph.

Page 11, (b)(1) "Additional height may be approved by the Planning Director based upon justifiable need and consent from the Military within the MTR. A variance application may be required for additional height.

Page 16, (iv), Accessory buildings section needs to have a comprehensive list of all zones in which they are allowed.

Discussion ensues on 5G facilities. Gretchen Stuhr explains that legislation to streamline the 5G (small cells) installation process and provide exemptions was vetoed by Governor Brown because of the need for more review of impact on municipalities. Commission Williams asks Keith Chamber what they look like (Google "small cells").

IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/ON-GOING PROJECT UPDATES:

None

X. CORRESPONDENCE:

There is no correspondence.

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Rebecca Herrin reminds the Commission that the next regularly scheduled meeting will be July 5, 2018, the day after July 4th which is a holiday.

M/S/C: Williams/Greening/3-1 to cancel the meeting of July 5, 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned until July 19, 2018.



Dr. Robert Abbott, Chair
Plumas County Planning Commission



Rebecca Herrin, Assistant Planning Director