
**PLUMAS COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION**

Minutes of the Meeting of April 5, 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 April 5, 2018, at 10:00 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

Randy Wilson, Planning Director

IV. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Items to be continued or withdrawn from the agenda

None.

V. PLANNING COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS/COMMENTS

There are no Planning Commissioners' reports/comments

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

There is no public comment.

VII. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Commissioner Greening questions the status of future zoning code updates, including the Cannabis Ordinance. Planning Director Wilson responds that the Commission will probably not take up review of any Cannabis Ordinances until after the November election when the MAUCO Initiative Ordinance will be on the ballot. Chair Abbott asks what would happen if there is a violation of the zoning laws in the initiative. Wilson responds that there may be a legal challenge. There is a time limitation under the adopted moratorium in which to act on an ordinance.

Commissioner Williams questions if there is an appointment for another Commissioner from District 2. Wilson responds that Supervisor Goss is working on finding a candidate.

There will be a proposed moratorium ordinance on industrial hemp discussed at the Board of Supervisors meeting on April 17, 2018 as the current commercial cannabis moratorium does not address industrial hemp.

The Airport Land Use Commission review of the proposed Telecommunications Ordinance is pending. Wilson reports that there will probably be a quorum by the end of the month. Some members needed to be reappointed. The members are George Terhune, Alan Holloway, William Weaver, Bill Mainland and Herb Bishop. There are currently two vacancies. Wilson provides a visual display of some of the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan areas and discusses process.

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

Keith Chambers provides some comments regarding typographical errors he has found in the updated Telecommunications Ordinance, but no language edits.

Assistant Planning Director Herrin mentions, that on pages 1 and 2, the definition of accessory buildings should be updated to correspond with the new State Responsibility Area (SRA) FireSafe regulations' definitions.

The Commission discusses comments provided by AT&T. Chambers explains that the 5G small cell facilities will mostly have urban applications. They are not really designed for rural area use. Verizon Wireless is testing applications in the Sacramento area.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 essentially trumps State and local government ability to require radio frequency (RF) reports for compliance. Wilson stresses the need to followup on several compliance issues and to obtain a review by County Counsel of the proposed Ordinance. Commissioner Williams was a consultant with AT&T for years and he counsels to be careful of what they are saying.

Chambers recommends that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) OET Bulletin 65 from the Office of Engineering and Technology be reviewed and consulted for guidance.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be held on April 19, 2018. Wilson will be gone for the second meeting in June.

IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/ON-GOING PROJECT UPDATES:

Chair Abbott asks for any updates. Wilson responds that staff has heard nothing to date regarding the appeal from High Sierra Rural Alliance on the General Plan lawsuit. Staff has also not heard anything on the Palmaz lawsuit.

Commissioner Olofson suggests that the General Plan be updated element by element in order to save money. He thinks that the Commission should start now so that they can be ready. Wilson adds that lawsuits on the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) issues change practices. Findings need to be well crafted to demonstrate legal conformance. The General Plan Update contained special findings that are documented in the Administrative Record. The

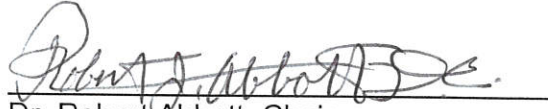
implementation of the General Plan Update has been slowed somewhat by the lawsuit. CEQA is often used to delay and obstruct projects.

X. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

There is no correspondence.

XI. **ADJOURNMENT:**

M/S/C: Greening/Williams/ 4-0 to adjourn the meeting of April 5, 2018 at 12:18 p.m.

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Dr. Robert Abbott, Chair
Plumas County Planning Commission

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Herrin", written over a horizontal line.

Rebecca Herrin, Assistant Planning Director