
**PLUMAS COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION**

Minutes of the Meeting of August 15, 2019

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Dr. Robert Abbott, *Chair (District 1)*

Moorea Hoffman Stout, *Commissioner (District 2)*

Jeff Greening, *Commissioner (District 3)*

Larry Williams, *Commissioner (District 4)*

John Olofson, *Vice-Chair (District 5)*

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair John Olofson calls the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Jeff Greening, Larry Williams, John Olofson, Moorea Stout

Commissioners Absent: Dr. Robert Abbott

Also in attendance (*Supervisors and staff*)

Tracey Ferguson, Planning Director

Rebecca Herrin, Assistant Planning Director

Tim Evans, Assistant Planner

Sara James, Office of County Counsel

IV. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Items to be continued or withdrawn from the agenda: None.

B. Minutes from the meetings of June 20, 2019, July 11, 2019, July 18, 2019 and August 1, 2019: *M/S/C: Williams/Greening/4-0 to approve the minutes.*

V. PLANNING COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS/COMMENTS:

There are no Planning Commissioners' reports or comments.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

Larry Douglas thanks the Commission for their work regarding the control of commercial cannabis.

VII. WORKSHOP/DISCUSSION: AMENDMENT OF AGRICULTURAL ZONES TO ALLOW "AGRICULTURAL PROCESSING" AND "AGRICULTURAL MANUFACTURING": *The proposed draft ordinance would amend the code to define "Agricultural Processing" and "Agricultural Manufacturing" and allow such uses in the Agricultural Preserve (Article 20 of Chapter 2) and General Agriculture (Article 31 of Chapter 2) zones subject to the issuance of a special use permit. (Tracey Ferguson, AICP, Planning Director).*

Vice-Chair Olofson reminds the Commission that Plumas County's code is Euclidean, meaning that if a use is not listed it is not permitted. He is concerned with listing of too many uses, but also that something may be left off the list.

Discussion ensues about the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements. Ferguson explains that staff has recommended a special use permit so that all potential environmental impacts would be addressed. There is discussion of special use permit requirements.

Dave Roberti states that he likes the discussion that is taking place; no one wants regulation but there is concern with unreasonable conditions. He stresses that a common sense approach be taken in the permitting process, giving the simplest way forward is preferable.

There is agreement that the applicant wants to know the rules and procedures up front before investment into the operation or project.

There is discussion about what constitutes "manufacturing" and the importance of encouraging business development and community development.

Christy Goodman echoes the concerns regarding business development. She is concerned about limiting hemp processing to agricultural zones as some commercial sites or smaller sites could be utilized for research and manufacturing of CBD products such as salves, tinctures, and others such as cooking oils and fuels that can be produced from hemp seeds. There are different products which will require different processing methods.

Ferguson asks the question regarding the need for a definition of agricultural processing. The Commission is in agreement that there should be such a definition. The current definition of "manufacturing" may be adequate and may be able to be added to the agricultural zones. The definitions should exclude "composting" and any mention of "cannabis" (or marijuana). It is agreed that the issue needs to be brought back for further discussion at the September 5th regular meeting.

Agenda items VIII, IX, X and XI are continued.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

M/S/C: Greening/Williams/4-0 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting is adjourned at 11:58 am. The next meeting of the Commission will be the special meeting for the public hearing on the Housing Element to be held on August 29, 2019.



John Olofson, Vice-Chair
Plumas County Planning Commission



Rebecca Herrin, Assistant Planning Director