



Minutes

DESCHUTES COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
DESCHUTES SERVICES CENTER
1300 NW WALL STREET, BEND, OREGON, 97703
FEBRUARY 23RD, 2023 – 5:30 P.M.

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I. Call to Order

Chairperson Jessica Kieras called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Planning Commissioners present in-person: Jessica Kieras, Dale Crawford, Matt Cyrus, and. Present via Zoom: Maggie Kirby, Vice Chair Nathan Hovekamp, Susan Altman, and Toni Williams.

Staff present: Peter Gutowsky – Community Development Director, Will Groves – Planning Manager, Tarik Rawlings, Associate Planner.

II. Approval of Minutes- February 9th, 2023

Commissioner Crawford moves to accept minutes as presented. Commissioner Altman seconds. Vote: 5 Yes. 1 Abstained. Minutes approved.

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Action Items

1. **Public Hearing: Destination Resort Amendments (Tarik Rawlings, Associate Planner).**

- After a review of hearing procedures by Tarik, Vice-Chair Hovekamp recused himself from the hearing. Commissioner Altman shared past monetary donations to COLW (the applicant). No challenges from public on commissioner participation.
- Tarik provided background on the proposal as well as a brief overview of the proposed amendments.
- **Rory Isbel, Central Oregon Land Watch (COLW) Staff Attorney:** Provided review of proposed text amendments to conform Deschutes County code to state law.

Public Hearing Comments

- **Pam Mitchell, Sisters, OR** - Provided testimony in opposition to the text amendment.

- **Scott Stewart, Redmond, OR** – Provided testimony in opposition to the text amendment.
- **Norman Rodgers, Bend, OR** – Shared his distrust of government and opposition to the text amendment.
- **Keith Cyrus, Sisters, OR** – Inquired about 24 air mile limitation.
- **Jack Farley, Tumalo, OR** – Provided testimony in opposition for the text amendment.
- **Steve Krosier, Bend, OR** – Provided testimony in opposition the text amendment.
- **Nunzie Gould, Tumalo, OR** – Provided testimony in support of the text amendment.
- **Mark Stockamp, Bend, OR** – Provided testimony in opposition to the text amendment.
- **Connie Cyrus, Sisters, OR** – Inquired about restrictions on private land.
- **Therese Kohler, Sisters, OR** – Provided testimony in support of text amendment.
- **Kay Knott, Sisters, OR** – Raised questions around employee housing referenced in the text amendment.

Motions

- Commissioner Crawford motioned to close oral testimony leave written testimony open until Friday March 10th. Resume deliberations March 23rd. Commissioner Williams seconded. Vote: 3 “No” 3 “yes”. Motion failed.
- Commissioner Cyrus motioned to close oral testimony and keep the written record open until March 23rd. Commissioner Crawford seconded. Commissioner Crawford amended to include commencement of deliberations on April 13th. Amendment fails. Vote: 2 “Yes” 4 “No.” Motion fails,
- Commissioner Kirby motioned to keep the oral and written record open until March 9th and commence deliberations on March 23rd. Commissioner Williams seconded. Vote: 5 “Yes” 1 “No”. Motion passes.

V. Planning Commission and Staff Comments

- Peter Gutowsky shared that the recruitments for two planning commission positions are currently open and the deadline for application submittal is February 28th 2023.
- Peter reports Nicole Mardell will be sharing an update on the Comprehensive Plan.
- Staff will be meeting with the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on March 6th with upcoming schedules for hearings, notices and projects.
- Commissioner Cyrus appreciated having county counsel present.
- Commissioner Crawford wished everyone to stay warm and drive safe.
- Commissioner Williams shared appreciation for staff participation and commissioner conversations.
- Commissioner Kirby thanked staff and commissioners.
- Chair Kieras thanked participants, staff, and commissioners.

VI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brooke Clark

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