Minutes  
DESCHUTES COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
DESCHUTES SERVICES CENTER  
1300 NW WALL STREET, BEND, OREGON, 97703  
APRIL 13TH, 2023 – 5:30 P.M.

This meeting was conducted in person, electronically, and by phone. It was audio and video recorded and can be accessed at the Deschutes County Meeting Portal website www.deschutes.org/meetings

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Jessica Kieras called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm. Planning Commissioners present in-person: Chair Jessica Kieras, Dale Crawford, Matt Cyrus, Susan Altman and Vice-Chair Nathan Hovekamp. Present via Zoom: Toni Williams, and Maggie Kirby.

Staff present: Peter Gutowsky – Community Development Director, Tanya Saltzman, Senior Planner.

II. Approval of Minutes – March 23, 2023

Commissioner Crawford moves to accept as presented. Commissioner Kirby Seconds. Vote: unanimous vote to approve.

III. Public Comment - None

IV. Action Items

1. Public Hearing: Mule Deer Inventory Update Amendments (Tanya Saltzman, Senior Planner and Andrew Walch, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife District Biologist)

   - Chair Kieras, Commissioner Cyrus, and Vice-Chair Hovekamp made disclosures and maintained their ability to remain impartial on the topic.
   - Tanya shared a brief overview of the proposed text amendments.
   - Andrew Walch provided testimony on Mule Deer populations, seasonal ranges, and migratory patterns.

Public Comment

   - Jaime Bowles, ODFW Regional Habitat Biologist – Provided testimony in support of proposed text amendments.
   - Zach Sweeney, Sisters, OR – Provided testimony in opposition of the proposed text amendments.
• Leroy Cabana – Provided testimony in opposition of the proposed text amendments.
• Monica Tommisey– Provided testimony in support of the proposed text amendments.
• Jim Greer – Provided Testimony in support of proposed text amendments.
• Shane Gomes, Oregon Cattlemen’s Association – provided Testimony in opposition to the proposed amendments.
• Robert Fish, Tumalo, OR – Provided testimony in opposition to the proposed text amendment.
• Jean Fish – Provided testimony in opposition of the proposed text amendment.
• MaryJo Hedrick, Oregon Hunter’s Association – Provided Testimony in support of the proposed amendment.
• Steve Hagen, Oregon Hunter’s Association State President – Provided testimony in support of the text amendment.
• Rory Isbel – Provided testimony in support of the proposed text amendment with recommended changes.
• Erin Jansen – Proposed testimony in opposition to the proposed amendments.
• Carl Finland – Provided testimony in support of the proposed amendments.
• Rick Gilespie – Provided testimony in opposition the proposed amendment.
• Rick Stringfield, Tumalo, OR – Provided testimony on mule deer.
• Kay Knott – Provided testimony in opposition the proposed text amendment.
• Michael Roscoe – Provided testimony in the opposition the text amendment.
• Gary Meyer, Tumalo, OR – Provided testimony in question of the data presented by ODFW.
• Ryder Redfield, Sisters, OR – Provided testimony in support of the text amendment.
• Sky Sharp – Provided testimony in support of the proposed text amendment.
• Randy Windlix, Benc, OR – Provided testimony in opposition to the proposed text amendment.
• Robin Vora – Provided testimony in support of the proposed text amendment.
• Ted Netter, Terrebonne, OR. Provided testimony in opposition to the proposed text amendments.
• Jean Simmons – Provided testimony in opposition to the proposed text amendments.
• Ashley Keritas – Provided testimony in support of the proposed text amendments.
• Glen Burleigh - Provided testimony in opposition to the proposed text amendments.
• Stella Larson, Bend, OR – Provided testimony in opposition to the proposed text amendment.
• Robert Turner – Provided testimony in opposition to the proposed amendment.
• Pamela Mitchell – Sisters, OR – Provided testimony in opposition to the proposed amendment.
• Dave Gobel – Provided testimony in opposition the proposed text amendment.
• Alicia Braatz – Provided testimony in opposition to the proposed text amendment.
• Ed Galazo, Tumalo, OR – Provided testimony in opposition to the proposed text amendment.
• Tori Garcia – Provided testimony in opposition to the proposed text amendment.
• Rainbow Dreamer – Provided testimony in opposition to proposed text amendment.
• Barb Holcum, Bend, OR – Provided testimony in support to the proposed text amendment.
**Motions:** Commissioner Cyrus moves to continue the hearing through April 27th. Commissioner Crawford seconded the motion. Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

2. **Draft Planning Division Work Plan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 / Deliberations**

**Motion:** Commissioner Cyrus moved to rescind previous meeting’s motion regarding deliberations occurring this evening. Vice-Chair Hovekamp seconded. Vote: All in favor. Motion is rescinded. No deliberations this evening.

Commissioner Williams moved to have deliberations on Draft Work Plan occur on April 27th. Commissioner Altman seconded. Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

V. **Planning Commission and Staff Comments**
   - Peter commended the participation and quality of information provided in this hearing.
   - Tanya thanked the public and commission for their time and consideration.
   - Will commended the level of participation and quality of information this evening.
   - Commissioner Williams commended Chair Kieras and public participation.
   - Commissioner Altman shared the sentiments of her fellow commissioners.
   - Chair Kieras commended staff work product and efficiency of this meeting as well as respectful public participation.
   - Vice-Chair Hovekamp commended the Chair for her work this evening.
   - Commissioner Cyrus commended the efficiency of the evening.
   - Will Groves provided an update on upcoming Comprehensive Plan Update outreach efforts.

VI. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brooke Clark

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