



Minutes

DESCHUTES COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
DESCHUTES SERVICES CENTER
1300 NW WALL STREET, BEND, OREGON, 97703
OCTOBER 14, 2021 – 5:30 P.M.

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I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Les Hudson. Commissioners present via Zoom: Vice Chair Jessica Kieras, Maggie Kirby, Susan Altman, Toni Williams and Steve Swisher. Staff present in person or via Zoom: Peter Gutowsky, Community Development Director; Peter Russell, Senior Transportation Planner; Todd Cleveland, Environmental Health Supervisor; Randy Scheid, Building Safety Director; Kyle Collins, Associate Long Range Planner.

II. Approval of Minutes - September 23, 2021

Chair Hudson entertained a motion to approve the minutes with no further amendments. Commissioner Kirby moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Swisher seconded this motion.

III. Public Comments

No public comment.

IV. Rural Economic Development Opportunities panel discussion

Peter Russell, Sr. Transportation Planner, assembled members of panel. Members include:

- Katrina Van Dis, Executive Director, High Desert Food and Farm Alliance (HDFFA)
- Jim Johnson, Land Use and Water Planning Coordinator for Or. Dept. of Agriculture (ODA)
- Jon Harrang, Food Safety Program Specialist, ODA
- Matt Cyrus, President, Deschutes County Farm Bureau, President, Water for Life, Oregon Family Farm Association, 6th generation farmer in Central Oregon
- Carol McBeth, Staff Attorney, Central Oregon LandWatch (COLW)

- Todd Cleveland, Environmental Soils Supervisor, Community Development Dept. (CDD)
- Randy Scheid, Building Official, CDD

Each of the panelists introduced themselves and commented on their interest for participation on the panel. Discussion held on issues of concern to be addressed. No members of the public commented.

V. 2021 Housekeeping Amendments – Work Session

Kyle Collins, Associate Planner, presented Housekeeping Text Amendments file no. 247-21-000862-TA to correct errors or omissions that are discovered during daily operations as well as updates reflective of state/federal laws. (See PowerPoint presentation.)

Commissioners discussed review and comment process.

Kyle stated that this work session is in preparation for a public hearing to be held at the next Planning Commission (PC) meeting on October 28th, 2021.

VI. Planning Commission and Staff Comments

Chair Hudson asked that comments regarding the HDEFA occur at the next session when Commissioner Crawford may be present.

Commissioner Kirby asked if staff could provide notes summarizing the Rural Economic Development Opportunities discussion to prepare for next meeting.

Commissioner Williams asked if copy of recommendations is made available to PC prior to submission to Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Swisher advised that land use issues for the Sisters Country revolve around fire preparedness and uses for an old elementary school.

Peter Gutowsky discussed agenda items for next PC meeting. Also, due to November holidays, asked permission to hold PC meeting on November 18th, 2021. This date was agreed to by members of the Planning Commission. Discussed staff departure, efforts to provide minutes and current CDD vacancies. Advised of upcoming Cannabis Advisory Panel and draft proposal for Comprehensive Plan update.

VII. Adjourn

Next Planning Commission meeting will be on October 28, 2021.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Griffin

Administrative Assistant

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