



Minutes

DESCHUTES COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
DESCHUTES SERVICES CENTER
1300 NW WALL STREET, BEND, OREGON, 97703
MAY 11TH, 2023 – 5:30 P.M.

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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, Toni Williams, Susan Altman and Vice-Chair Nathan Hovekamp. Absent: Maggie Kirby.

Staff present: Peter Gutowsky – Community Development Director, Tanya Saltzman, Senior Planner, Will Groves, Planning Manager.

II. Approval of Minutes – April 13, 2023

Commissioner Williams motioned moved to approve minutes as written. Commission Altman seconded. Vote: Unanimous vote to approve.

III. Public Comment

- Nunzie Gould, Tumalo, OR- Shared concerns for time keeping during public testimony and color photographs in county materials.

IV. Action Items

1. **Deliberations – Planning Division Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2023-24 (Peter Gutowsky, Community Development Director)**

- Peter provided a brief review of the draft Work Plan prior to deliberations.
- Commissioners shared thoughts on ideas or projects they would like to see included or prioritized in the draft Work Plan.

Motion

- Commissioner Cyrus moves to forward a summary of comments to the Board of County Commissioners, including support for current projects. Commissioner Crawford seconded. Vote: Unanimous vote to approve.

2. Deliberations – Mule Deer Inventory Update Amendments (*Tanya Saltzman, Senior Planner*)

- Tanya provided a brief review of the themes of agency and public comments received reading the proposed amendments thus far.
- Tanya presented the commission with issues for deliberation.

Motions:

- Commissioner Hovekamp moved to forward our support for adopting mule deer inventory into the Comp Plan and creating a separate wildlife-combining zone. Commissioner Crawford seconded. Vote: 5 “yes”, 1 “no”. Motion Passes.
- Commissioner Hovekamp Moves to recommend adoption of the amendments with modifications proposed by ODFW. Commissioner Crawford Seconded. Vote: 4 “yes” 2 “no”. Motion Passes.
- Commissioner Altman recommend the Board of County Commissioners form a stakeholder work-group to address issues surrounding health of the mule deer. Commissioner Cyrus seconded. Vote: 5 “yes.” 1 “no.”

V. Planning Commission and Staff Comments

- Peter provided an update on the selection process for the upcoming planning commission vacancies.
- Peter shared that the July 13th Planning Commission meeting will be a joint meeting with the Board of County Commissioners.
- Will shared an update on the Deschutes 2040 Update Plan.
- Will provided an update on upcoming housekeeping amendments.
- Tanya thanked Commission for their time on deliberations this evening.
- Commissioner Cyrus thanked Commissioners for their respectful discussion and deliberation.
- Commissioner Crawford thanked everyone for their participation.
- Chair Kieras commended staff on the quality of their work.

VI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brooke Clark

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