



## Minutes - Final

DESCHUTES COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

DESCHUTES SERVICES CENTER

1300 NW WALL STREET, BEND, OREGON, 97703

FEBRUARY 10, 2022 – 5:30 P.M.

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### I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Chair Kieras via Zoom. Commissioners present via Zoom: Susan Altman, Toni Williams, Steve Swisher. Staff present in person: Peter Gutowsky, Community Development Director; Will Groves, Planning Manager; Tarik Rawlings, Associate Planner; Kyle Collins, Associate Planner; Peter Russell, Senior Transportation Planner.

### II. Public Comment

None

### III. Action Items

*Dark Skies Outdoor Lighting Panel Discussion, Tarik Rawlings, Associate Planner*

Tarik introduced discussion and panelists Grant Tandy, Observatory Manager, Worthy Garden Club, NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador; Bill Kowalik, Chairperson, Oregon Chapter of International dark-Sky Association; Ron Thorkildson, Deschutes County Property Owner and Resident; Russell Robertson, Building Inspector, City of Bend; Jerry Jones, Senior Director of Land Development, Pahlisch Homes; Rima Givot, Science Teacher, sisters High School / Amateur Astronomer; Peter Gutowsky, Deschutes County CDD Director and Code Compliance Representative; Elise Wolf, director and Avian Rehabilitator, Native Bird Care / East Cascades Audubon Society.

Chair Kieras stated format outline should reiterate the importance of dark skies, also clarification of what is not working or needs improvement, present 3 – 5 minutes overview to allow time for discussion and comments.

Public comments from Steve Moore.

Commissioner Williams motioned for a second panel, Commissioner Swisher seconded the motion with focus.

Peter Gutowsky suggested a recommendation from the Planning Commission stay at a high-level view for research by Planning, then make recommendation to Board of County Commissioners who ultimately sets direction.

Votes in favor: Commissioners Swisher, Williams, Altman, Kieras; vote against: Commissioner Crawford.

Peter advised that second panel could be several months out due to significant shortage of resources in Planning.

Commissioner Swisher motioned to set aside time to discuss the Dark Skies panel agenda topics at next Planning Commission meeting, Commissioner Crawford seconded the motion. Unanimous vote in favor.

*Deschutes County Transportation System Plan 2020-2040 Update, Peter Russell, Senior Transportation Planner*

Peter Russell provided update for the Transportation System Action Plan (TSAP), a 20-year document, and introduced both Matt Kittelson, Kittleson & Associates, and Chris Doty, Deschutes County Road Dept. Director. Matt provided PowerPoint slides which displayed the various high priority projects for roadway segments, intersection improvements, bridge replacements, sidewalk infill in Terrebonne and Tumalo, potential bike routes between communities as well as recreational attractions; and safety improvements previously identified in the County's TSAP.

#### **IV. Planning Commission and Staff Comments**

Peter Gutowsky commented on:

- At large commissioner position update, 6 candidates to interview.
- SB1533 update, patch to correct broken links to SB391.
- HB4051 to study housing challenges.
- HB4064 siting of pre-fabricated structures.
- Email from Attorney Brian Sheets regarding Arnold Irrigation District canal piping.
- State of Oregon Mask Mandate removal. CDD welcomes whatever approach commission wants to take.

Kyle Collins provided update on Water Panel discussions, second panel to be convened April, 2022.

Will Groves provided updates on:

- High Desert Food and Farm Alliance coordination.
- Transportation Growth Management Plan Grant, including major community outreach.
- Deschutes County Comprehensive Plan update, three consultants to be interviewed.

- Experiencing significant staff shortfalls in both Current and Long Range Planning, expected to last a few more months. Three new planners starting shortly.

Commissioner Swisher stated term ends June 30, 2022.

**V. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:  
Tracy Griffin, Administrative Assistant

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