



Minutes

DESCHUTES COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
DESCHUTES SERVICES CENTER
1300 NW WALL STREET, BEND, OREGON, 97703
OCTOBER 28, 2021 – 5:30 P.M.

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I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Chair Les Hudson. Commissioners present via Zoom: Chair Les Hudson, Vice Chair Jessica Kieras, Maggie Kirby, Susan Altman, Toni Williams, Steve Swisher and Dale Crawford. Staff present in person or via Zoom: Peter Gutowsky, Community Development Director; Peter Russell, Senior Transportation Planner; Kyle Collins, Associate Long Range Planner.

II. Approval of Minutes – October 14, 2021

Commissioner Swisher submitted amendment that his comments were related to Sisters Country.

Chair Hudson requested a motion to accept minutes as amended.

Vice Chair Kieras motioned to accept.

Commissioner Kirby seconded the motion.

III. Public Comments

No public comments

IV. Public Hearing – 2021 Housekeeping Amendments

Kyle Collins recommended the Planning Commission (PC) consider opening the public hearing and continuing it to November 18, 2021. Chair Hudson agreed. Kyle presented Housekeeping Text Amendments 247-21-000862-TA and public hearing procedure (see Power Point). Due to technical difficulties with the prior public disclosure of the background information about the Housekeeping amendments on the County Website, it was recommended that the staff presentation be continued to November 18, 2021.

Chair Hudson requested a motion to continue the public hearing.

Commissioner Kirby motioned to continue the Public Hearing.
Vice Chair Kieras seconded the motion.
PC voted unanimously to continue the Public Hearing to November 18, 2021.

V. Preparation for Water Panel discussions

Kyle Collins discussed preparations for water panel series related to upcoming Comprehensive Plan update. He will be reaching out to recruit panelists.

Peter Gutowsky discussed the County Regional Coordination role in the process.

Commissioners talked about a variety of themes and topics related to water resources for further detailed discussion, Kyle will present this list at the PC meeting in December, 2021.

VI. Recap of 10-14-21 Rural Economic Development Opportunities Panel Discussion

Peter Russell recapped the previous discussion from October 14, 2021, PC meeting. (See Power Point.) Will present PC recommendations from 10/14 & 10/28 meetings to Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). PC requested another panel discussion on 12/9, but with small-scale farmers only. Peter will reach out to Katrina Van Dis, High Desert Food and Farm alliance, to identify potential panelists.

VII. Planning Commission and Staff Comments

Commissioner Swisher noted upcoming Comprehensive Plan update process is a very important process.

Commissioner Williams agrees with Commissioner Swisher. Also, asked about money set aside for Central Oregon Irrigation District (COID), consider putting in place a reimbursement, incentive, tax break or negotiable opportunity for farmers to upgrade from pivot irrigation to drag lines to reduce water consumption. Discussion point for the water panel.

Peter Gutowsky discussed previous remarks concerning the upcoming Comprehensive Plan update as well as:

- Tanya Saltzman, Sr. Planner, will reconvene with BOCC on November 1, 2021 to discuss wildlife inventory, looking for direction to initiate one or two pilot project inventories.
- Discussed pending items for 11/18 PC meeting, including SB391, Rural Accessory Dwelling Units coordination with rural fire protection districts.
- Tarik Rawlings to provide update on Dark Skies work plan on 11/18
- Requested input from PC for month of December, 12/9 meeting could wrap up calendar year. Commission approved the single meeting for December.
- Comprehensive Plan update RFP to be released on November 15, 2021, for six week period, to select consultant in 2022.
- Planning Manager position closes November 2, 2021.
- Thornburgh development update.

VIII. Adjourn

Next Planning Commission meeting will be on November 18, 2021.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Griffin

Administrative Assistant

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