



Minutes

DESCHUTES COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
DESCHUTES SERVICES CENTER
1300 NW WALL STREET, BEND, OREGON, 97703
MARCH 9TH, 2023 – 5:30 P.M.

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I. Call to Order

Chairperson Jessica Kieras called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Planning Commissioners present in-person: Chair Jessica Kieras, Matt Cyrus, and Vice-Chair Nathan Hovekamp. Present via Zoom: Susan Altman, and Toni Williams. Absent: Dale Crawford, Maggie Kirby.

Staff present: Peter Gutowsky – Community Development Director, Will Groves – Planning Manager, Tarik Rawlings - Associate Planner, Nicole Mardell – Senior Planner.

II. Approval of Minutes- February 23rd, 2023

Commissioner Cyrus moves to accept minutes as presented. Commissioner Altman seconds. Vote: 4 Yes. 1 Abstained. Minutes approved.

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Action Items

1. **Continued Public Hearing: Destination Resort Amendments (Tarik Rawlings, Associate Planner).**

- Vice-Chair Hovekamp recused himself from this public hearing proceeding.
- Tarik summarized testimony directions for both in –person and online participants.
- Tarik briefly reviewed the contents of his most recent staff report.

Public Hearing Comments

- **Sueanne Allagher, Bend, OR** – Shared testimony in support of the proposed amendment.
- **Brittle Brush Broads, Bend, OR** – Shared support for proposed text amendment.
- **Suzie Harp, Bend, OR** – Testified to concerns for potential conflict of interest for commission members regarding this text amendment.

- **Robin Vora, Bend, OR** – Shared his support of the proposed amendment.
- **Susan Strauss, Bend, OR** – Shared support for proposed amendment.
- **Denise Lebuda, Bend, OR** – Shared support for proposed amendment.
- **Vikki Hickman, Sisters, OR** – Shared support for the proposed amendment.
- **Stephanie Stout, Bend, OR** – Shared support for proposed amendment.
- **Kenneth Katzoroff, Bend, OR** – Shared opposition to the proposed amendment.
- **Abby Kellner Rode Bend, OR** – Shared support of proposed amendment.
- **Eva Eagle, Sisters, OR** – Shared support of proposed amendment.
- **Bruce Bowen, Sisters, OR** – Shared support for proposed amendment.
- **Nunzie Gould, Tumalo, OR** – Shared her support for the proposed amendment.
- **Pamela Mitchell Sisters, OR** - Shared opposition to the proposed amendment.
- **Robert Hammond, Bend, OR** – Shared support for the proposed amendment.
- **Kay Knott, Sisters, OR** – Shared opposition to the proposed amendment.
- **Scott Stewart, Redmond, OR** – Shared opposition to the amendment.
- **John Gilbert, Bend, OR** – Support the proposed amendment.
- **Laura Everett, Bend, OR** – Support the proposed text amendment.
- **Adam Smith, Bend OR,** - Shared opposition to the amendment.
- **Therese Kollerer** – Shared concerns for a commissioner’s potential conflict of interest.
- **Rory Isabel, Attorney for COLW** – Addressed question and concerns raised in public testimony.
- **Stephanie Marshall, Counsel for Deschutes County** – Addressed concerns regarding conflicts of interest, measure 56 notice concerns, and mapping comments.

Motion

Commissioner Williams moved to close the oral hearing leave the written record open until Tuesday March 14, 2023 and commence deliberations on March 23, 2023. Commissioner Altman seconded. Vote: Unanimous approval.

2. Deschutes 2040 Meeting #6 – Initial Engagement and Revised Policy Batch 1 Review (Nicole Mardell, Senior Planner & Matt Hasty, Consultant)

- Nicole reviewed project the project schedule and results from community engagement efforts.
- Matt reviewed draft goal and policies updates based on feedback from past planning commission meetings and community engagement.
- Nicole reviewed next steps for the project: The next batch of policies for review are scheduled before the planning commission on March 23rd. Additional open houses are planned for April in Lapine, Terrebonne, Sisters and Bend, Brother, and Alfalfa. Online engagement will continue through the online forum, *Consider.it*.

V. Planning Commission and Staff Comments

- Peter provided an update on the recruitment progress for the upcoming planning commission vacancies.
- Will provided an update on the mule deer inventory update. Work session tentatively targeted for March 23rd. Targeted first hearing for April 13th. Public information sessions are targeted for April 4th, 6th, and 10th in Bend, Redmond and Sisters. The

website for the project has launched and is available on the Community Development website.

- The Board of County Commissioners approved the HAM radio and housekeeping amendments.
- Commissioner Cyrus inquired if ODFW would be available for conversation regarding the mule deer update.
- Commissioner Cyrus thanked staff for their hard work.
- Commissioner Williams complimented Nicole and thanked her for her work on the Comprehensive Plan Update.
- Commissioner Altman thanked legal counsel and staff this evening.
- Vice-Chair Hovekamp complimented the data provided this evening and the substantive and useful comments provided during the public hearing. Vice-Chair Hovekamp inquired about hearing process.

VI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Brooke Clark

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