
**PLUMAS COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 7, 2019

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Vacant, *(District 1)*

Moorea Hoffman Stout, *Commissioner (District 2)*

Jeff Greening, *Commissioner (District 3)*

Larry Williams, *Commissioner (District 4)*

John Olofson, *Vice-Chair (District 5)*

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice- Chair John Olofson calls the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Jeff Greening, Larry Williams, John Olofson

Commissioners Absent: Dr. Robert Abbott, Moorea Hoffman Stout

Also in attendance *(Supervisors and staff)*

Tracey Ferguson, AICP, Planning Director

Rebecca Herrin, Assistant Planning Director

Tim Evans, Associate Planner

Gretchen Stuhr, Deputy County Counsel

IV. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Items to be continued or withdrawn from the agenda: None.

B. Approval of minutes of the meeting of September 19, 2019.

M/S/C: Williams/Greening/3-0 to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 19, 2019.

V. PLANNING COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Commissioner Greening comments on the mild weather. Vice-Chair Olofson comments that the Feather River Chapter of Trout Unlimited is working on projects to improve habitat for trout that could directly impact tourism.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

There is no public comment.

VII. DISCUSSION: RESIGNATION OF PLANNING COMMISSIONER DR. ROBERT ABBOTT

Dr. Abbott submitted his resignation effective October 23, 2019.

Planning Director Tracey Ferguson, AICP, reports that Dr. Abbott has submitted his resignation and that, as there is no Supervisor for District 1 due to the resignation of Michael Sanchez, it is unlikely that the position will be filled in the near future.

Deputy County Counsel Gretchen Stuhr explains that County Code is silent regarding a situation such as this. The code could be amended.

As the election for Supervisor in District 1 will take place in 2020, most likely the Planning Commission spot will remain unfilled until after a new Supervisor is elected.

VIII. CONTINUED DISCUSSION: PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW OF THE 2035 GENERAL PLAN: *Discussion of Land Use Element and Housing Element (Tracey Ferguson, AICP, Planning Director)*

Ferguson provides a handout summarizing the Housing Element and twenty-six action items. There are twelve items that will need to be addressed during the 2019-2024 Housing Element timeframe. Ferguson explains that the annual review of the General Plan Implementation will result in these items migrating to the Planning Commission zoning code priority list.

While one of the items, the Accessory Dwelling Unit and Emergency Shelter zoning code implementation, has been enacted by the Board of Supervisors there remains a development standards component for emergency shelters that has not yet been addressed.

Ferguson reports that she is now an Executive Board member of the NorCal Continuum of Care. Seven Northern California counties are members and the agency addresses homeless issues. The local Plumas-Sierra advisory agency is a sub-agency under the greater NorCal Continuum of Care. The agency is developing a strategic plan, which will include a plan to address homelessness. There are grant opportunities, such as "No Place Like Home" programs that may be available.

The legislature also passed a number of Housing Element bills that will be evaluated to determine what the County needs to address in the coming year.

Next, Ferguson opens discussion of the Land Use Element of the General Plan. She explains that there will be a PowerPoint presentation at the next meeting. Ferguson asks the Commission for input on the direction of the discussion.

Vice-Chair Olofson suggest that the Commission go through all the goals and policies to determine if we are following the General Plan direction. Discussion ensues between Olofson and Commissioner Greening regarding public versus private directives. Greening states the County is supportive of any private development but that it is not government's role to direct private action. Olofson responds that will be debated when the review becomes more specific.

Ferguson reminds the Commission that the Annual Review starting in January will allow the Commission to look at issues of implementation of the General Plan. The report is due to the State by April 1st.

IX. RESOLUTION NO. P.C. 10-002 PLANNING COMMISSION RULES OF CONDUCT

The Resolution was approved on October 17, 2019. Ferguson reviews the final form of the resolution and there is no further discussion.

X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/ONGOING PROJECT UPDATES

The Board of Supervisors hearing on the Personal Cultivation of Cannabis ordinance took place on November 5th, with both the Fence ordinance and the MWELO (Model Water Efficient Landscaping Ordinance) being adopted at that meeting.

The Backyard Chicken ordinance will be discussed by the Board at the meeting of November 12th.

XI. CORRESPONDENCE

There is no correspondence.

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

M/S/C: Williams/Greening/3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 11:39 am.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on November 21, 2019 at 10:00 am.



John Olofson, Vice-Chair
Plumas County Planning Commission

Rebecca Herrin, Clerk of the Planning Commission