

TOWN OF PAONIA
214 GRAND AVENUE
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 04, 2024 6:00 PM
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Chair Watson calls the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call

Present:

Chair Watson

Vice Chair Howe

Commissioner Smith

Commissioner Hunter

Absent:

Commissioner McCarthy

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Hunter makes a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

No vote is called or made.

During discussion Chair Watson made a motion to approve the agenda with the amendment of moving agenda item #1 to the next Planning Commission meeting when Commissioner McCarthy is present and seeing how far items in agenda item 4 can be completed, starting with Health, Natural Environment and Zoning, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

The motion carries unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

October 15, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Smith makes a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Vice Chair Howe.

The motion carries unanimously.

Actions & Presentations

Agenda Item 1 - Procedures - Clarification

- a) Setting Agenda
- b) Civility

Agenda Item 2 - Procedure for Content Inclusion in Plan

The Commissioners discussed communication methods, public engagement, and outreach.

Vice Chair Howe makes a motion that we advise the Board of Trustees to work with the consultants on the Master Plan to create a mechanism for outreach for the new public hearing and also where people can find the information of the updated Master Plan, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Commission discussion: amending motion to include mention of a workshop prior to public hearing.

Commissioner Smith makes a motion to ask the Board of Trustees to approve the use of the final five (5) hours with the consultant to help the Planning Commission reach out to the public and alert them to a workshop to be held for consideration of all changes made to the Draft Master Plan since the June 21 draft was published.

The motion dies for lack of a second.

Vice Chair Howe's motion fails with all Commissioners voting "Nay".

Commissioner Smith makes a motion to ask the Board of Trustees to approve the use of the remaining hours

with the consultant to help planning commission to reach out to the public and alert them to a workshop to be held for consideration of all the changes to the master plan since the June 21 draft was published, seconded by Commissioner Hunter.

The motion carries unanimously.

Agenda Item 3 - Review of Motions and Votes Leading to Now

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The Planning Commission decided to move on to the next agenda item due to lack of discussion points on this item.

Agenda Item 4 - Discussion and Work on the Comprehensive (Master) Plan

Vice Chair Howe makes a motion that the Planning Commission include "Healthy & Natural Environment" into the master plan as an addition, seconded by Commissioner Hunter.

The motion carries unanimously.

a) Healthy & Natural Environment

- Approved as a new section, focusing on urban forests, stormwater mitigation, and ecosystem services.
- Dark Skies policy moved to Infrastructure Element (deemed more fitting for built environment regulations).

Vice Chair Howe makes a motion that the Planning Commission move the Dark Sky element from Health & Natural Environment to the last portion of Infrastructure, this motion supersedes any other motion made previously or discussion, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

The motion carries unanimously.

b) Zoning

- Statute-compliant zoning policies (CRS 31-23-206) refined to focus on solar/wind access protection.
- Redundant policies (e.g., housing diversity, STRs) struck.

Commissioner Smith makes a motion that the Planning Commission adopt the two (2) bullet points provided under Policy Zone One (1) and those be relocated under Future Land Use Key Considerations, seconded by Commissioner Hunter.

The motion carries unanimously.

c) Infrastructure

- i. Urban Forest policy updated to emphasize collaboration between "Town, Tree Board, public, and businesses."

Chair Watson makes a motion to change the wording to say, "collaboration between the town and its appendant bodies, public, and local businesses", seconded by Commissioner Smith.

The motion carries unanimously.

- ii. Stormwater/floodplain policies affirmed (coordination with FEMA, Delta County).

- Irrigation system maintenance deemed *not* a Town responsibility (ditch companies/landowner issue).

Commissioner Smith makes a motion to accept the Infrastructure element with the previously approved changes from this meeting, seconded by Commissioner Hunter.

The motion carries unanimously.

Commissioner Smith makes a motion to suspend the rules in place of an informal discussion, seconded by Vice Chair Howe.

The motion carries unanimously.

The Planning Commission discusses dates and agenda items for next meeting.

Agenda Item 4 - Items moved to November 20, 2024 at 6:00 PM meeting:

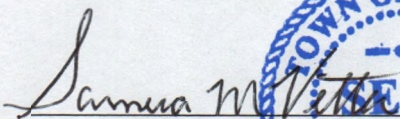
- d) Housing Element
- e) Other Elements as Time Permits

Adjournment

Chair Watson makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Hunter.

The motion carries unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.


Samira M. Vetter, Town Clerk



Suzanne Watson, Chair