

City of Bishop  
**PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**  
City Council Chambers – 301 West Line Street  
Bishop, California 93514

**May 27, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Hardy called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Hardy

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Hardy, Foote, Lowthorp, Huntley, Hess and Bloom

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT (Excused):**

One current vacancy until filled

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Richard F. Pucci, City Administrator  
Gary Schley, Public Services Officer  
Michele Thomas, Secretary  
Father John Gracey  
Kent Schlick  
Ken Carpenter

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Chairman Hardy asked if anyone wished to speak on a subject not calendared on the Agenda. There was no public comment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Hardy asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the March 31, 2009 meeting.

**MOTION**

Commissioner Foote moved to approve the Minutes of the March 31, 2009 meeting as written.

Ayes: Lowthorp, Bloom, Huntley, Foote and Hardy

Abstain: Hess

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

#### CORRESPONDENCE

- (2) Letter from Cecilio Haro-Cortez requesting to withdraw his request for a Conditional Use Permit at 151 East South Street.

Chairman Hardy stated due to the withdrawal, no action is needed to be taken.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

- (3) Request for a Conditional Use Permit by Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church to allow the development of a 30 ft. by 60 ft. covered patio structure at 849 Home Street which is located in an R-1 zone.

Chairman Hardy opened the public hearing at 7:33 PM and stated that if anyone wished to appeal any decision by the Planning Commission, they may do so by writing to the City Council within five days of this meeting.

Schlick explained he was volunteering to help out Father John and stated that the structure would be a nice addition to the park and if anyone has any questions they may ask him.

Chairman Hardy closed the public hearing at 7:35 PM

#### NEW BUSINESS

- (4) Request for a Conditional Use Permit by Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church to allow the development of a 30 ft. by 60 ft. covered patio structure at 849 Home Street which is located in an R-1 zone.

Pucci stated that there was one concern brought up at the environmental review and the commission may want to discuss the restriction of “no outside amplified music”. There could be receptions outside in the patio structure that may cause noise concern.

Foote asked if the City of Bishop has any ordinances for noise after 10:00 pm. Pucci stated that there is an ordinance in place based on decibel levels; there is no loud music allowed over a certain decibel level after a certain time.

Father Gracey explained there is usually no loud music; most noise in the area comes from the fairgrounds. Schlick also added that the majority of activities go on during the day.

Lowthorp asked Pucci if the staff wanted there to be no amplified music. Pucci explained that there was a concern at the environmental regarding outside music. The commission may request a condition for no outside amplified music, amplified music not allowed after a certain time, or no condition is required if the commission wishes to not request one. The continuance of the CUP would go away if the condition is violated. At the present time, there have not been any complaints of music from the location. Huntley asked who raised the concern of noise. Pucci stated that a council member that lives close to the church raised the concern of loud music. Tracey added that the staff is not asking the commission to place a condition on the permit if they do not feel one is necessary.

Huntley made a motion to approve the conditional use permit to allow the construction of the 30 ft. x 60 ft. covered patio at 849 Home Street. No conditions were added.

Ayes: Huntley, Lowthorp, Bloom, Hess, Foote and Hardy

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

#### (5) Election of Officers – Chairman and Vice Chairman

Chairman Hardy turned the nominations over to Pucci. A call for nominations for the position of chairman was made. Chairman Hardy nominated Foote. No further nominations were received. A motion to close the nominations for chairman was made by Lowthorp and passed unanimously.

A roll call vote was taken for the election of Foote for Chairman.

Ayes: Lowthorp, Huntley, Bloom, Hess, Foote and Hardy.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Foote will serve a one-year term for Chairman.

Newly-elected Chairman Foote opened nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman and Chairman Foote nominated Huntley. No further nominations were received. A motion to close the nominations for Vice Chairman was made by Foote and passed unanimously.

A roll call vote was taken for the election of Huntley for Vice-Chairman.

Ayes: Lowthorp, Huntley, Bloom, Hess, Foote and Hardy.

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Huntley will serve a one-year term for Vice-Chairman.

STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS:

Pucci asked the commission to recommend two commissioners to sit on an interview panel for the planning commission opening. The two applicants running are Frank Crom and Darren Malloy. Chairman Foote and Vice-Chairman Huntley volunteered for the panel.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Foote adjourned the meeting at 7:48 P.M. The next scheduled meeting will be June 30, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

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Chairman Foote

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Michele Thomas, Secretary