

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

**April 27, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Foote.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Hardy, Foote, Lowthorp, Crom, Huntley, Bhakta and Bloom

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT (Excused):**

None

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Richard F. Pucci, City Administrator  
Peter Tracy, City Attorney  
Gary Schley, Public Services Officer  
Michele Thomas, Secretary

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**(1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION**

Chairman Foote moved to approve the Minutes of the March 30, 2010 meeting as written.

Ayes: Hardy, Crom, Lowthorp, Bloom, Huntley, Bhakta and Foote

**MOTION CARRIED: 7-0**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

## PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Foote opened the public hearing at 7:32 PM.

- (2) Request for a Conditional Use Permit to place four storage containers at 640 South Main Street, which is located in a C-1 district.

Doug Clair, owner of Doug's RV Storage, explained he bought the facility four years ago to move his construction company to the location and later started an RV storage business. Three of the storage containers were on the site at the time Clair purchased the property. Two of which are tied into the building, one with axles but is not able to be moved, and both have been on the property since the 1960's. Another one of the containers is a 40' trailer. In addition, there are van trailers that are currently registered with DMV. These trailers are used for Clair's construction company to store construction equipment.

Schley stated that the Conditional Use Permit is only related to the four storage containers and not the registered trailers. One of the storage containers does have an axle but can not be moved because it is tied into the building.

Chairman Foote closed the public hearing at 7:37 PM.

## NEW BUSINESS

- (4) Request for a Conditional Use Permit to place four storage containers at 640 South Main Street, which is located in a C-1 district.

Pucci advised the commissioners to review the possible standards check list provided regarding storage containers. Pucci also commented to Clair that the Conditional Use Permit states the existing location of the containers and they can not be moved to different locations on the property in the future.

Crom asked the locations of the storage containers that were not attached to the building. Schley explained that the containers are behind a five foot solid fence, one to the south side of the shop another is at the north east corner of the property and two containers attached to the east side of the existing shop structure. Crom requested there be no electrical to any of the containers. Clair explained that the two containers attached to the building have existing florescent lighting in them. Crom asked the electric to be inspected and up to code. Also, if the building is painted, the containers are to be painted as well.

Bhakta asked what the lighted storage containers are used for. Clair replied that they are used as parts rooms. The container next to the shop is a truck tire room.

Hardy asked whether the solid fence goes down the Jay Street side or only the Main Street side. Clair and Schley explained that nothing is visible from Jay Street due to the solid fence around the perimeter. Foote also added that the fourth container was very difficult to find and is not visible.

Crom made a motion to allow for a Conditional Use Permit to place four storage containers at 640 South Main Street, which is located in a C-1 district, with the condition that the existing electrical in the two storage containers be up to code, the two containers attached to the building are painted the next time the building is painted and all containers are to be for personal use not commercial rentals.

Ayes: Crom, Lowthorp, Bhakta, Hardy, Bloom, Huntley and Foote

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

#### PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Foote re-opened the Public Hearing at 7:47 PM.

- (3) Request for a Conditional Use to place one storage container at 137 East South Street, which is located in a C-1 district.

No comment was required.

Chairman Foote closed the public hearing at 7:47 PM.

- (5) Request for a Conditional Use to place one storage container at 137 East South Street, which is located in a C-1 district.

Chairman Foote stated that a letter from the proponent, Pestmaster Services, was received requesting that this item be postponed to a later date.

No action will be taken at this time.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- (6) Consideration of Planning Commission Time Change.

Hardy made a motion to change the Planning Commission meeting time from 7:30 pm to 7:00 pm starting with the next scheduled meeting of May 25, 2010.

Ayes: Hardy, Crom, Lowthorp, Bhakta, Bloom, Huntley and Foote

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

#### STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS:

Pucci informed the commission of an application that was received for development in Inyo County, approximately 10 miles northwest of the City of Bishop, for a new project of 198 residential units. The County has issued a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of Draft EIR for the project inviting comments on the scope of the EIR. Pucci stated that it was mentioned to the commission for informational purposes only.

Foote also mentioned that she works in the County Clerks office and has a distribution list for similar notices and can add anyone interested in receiving them.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Foote adjourned the meeting at 7:51 P.M. The next scheduled meeting will be May 25, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

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Chairman Foote

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Michele Thomas, Secretary