

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

August 30, 2011

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Huntley called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Huntley.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Huntley, Lowthorp, Crom, Hardy, and Malloy

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT (Excused):

Bhakta and Gardner

OTHERS PRESENT:

Keith Caldwell, Interim City Administrator
Peter Tracy, City Attorney
Gary Schley, Public Services Officer
Michele Thomas, Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

(1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION

Commissioner Crom moved to approve the minutes of the May 31, 2011 meeting as written.

Ayes: Huntley, Lowthorp, Crom, Hardy and Malloy

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

Commissioner Crom moved to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2011 meeting as written.

Ayes: Huntley, Lowthorp, Crom, Hardy and Malloy

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- (2) Request for a Conditional Use Permit to place one storage container at 137 East South Street which is in a C-1 (General Commercial and Retail District).

Schley stated that the Conditional Use Permit is for an 8' x 40' storage container. A year ago this month, Pestmaster's original application was denied. They are now reapplying for a new Conditional Use Permit after removing a tech trailer from the property.

William Morris, Pestmaster Services Operations Manager, reminded the commission that originally Pestmaster was going to look into combining their two parcels. When dealing with financial institutions, the option would not be feasible. The trailer was moved off the site approximately 30 days ago. Morris then stated they are asking for permission to allow the storage container to remain on the property. Morris went on to state that the storage container is 8' x 40', painted the same color as the building and is located on a concrete slab.

Hardy inquired if there was electrical service to the container and Morris answered that there was no electrical or plumbing connected and it is only used for storage of records.

NEW BUSINESS

- (3) Request for a Conditional Use Permit to place one storage container at 137 East South Street which is in a C-1 (General Commercial and Retail District).

Hardy asked Schley if the Fire Chief had an issue with the reduced size of the driveway going from 24' to 12.6' and Schley answered that there is enough access for an emergency vehicle.

Crom made a motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit to place one 8' x 40' storage container at 137 East South Street located in a C-1 zoning district with the conditions of no electrical, lighting, or signage allowed. The property setbacks, parking, and driveway are pursuant to plans submitted. The container's appearance is to be maintained as needed. The storage container may not be used as a storage rental.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

(4) Re-organization for Vice Chairman vacancy

Crom nominated Commissioner Lowthorp for Vice Chairman.

On a motion made by Commissioner Hardy the commissioners voted 5-0 to close the nominations.

The roll call vote was taken on the election of Lowthorp for Vice Chairman.

Ayes: Crom, Huntley, Hardy, and Malloy

Abstain: Lowthorp

Lowthorp will serve the remaining one-year term as Vice Chairman.

STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS:

Crom asked to add discussion regarding timed parking to the Planning Commission agenda after the scheduled September meeting.

Huntley also asked to have discussion regarding standards for storage containers added to the next Planning Commission meeting.

Caldwell shared with the commission that there are two public comment meetings: one 31 August regarding the Pine to Park Path from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. and the other 15 September from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. regarding the Mobility Element. Caldwell also added that the City will be giving a presentation on 15 September to the Chamber of Commerce regarding the Mobility Element and anyone is invited to attend.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Huntley adjourned the meeting at 7:25 P.M. The next scheduled meeting will be September 27, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

Chairman Huntley

Michele Thomas, Secretary