

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

April 24, 2012

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Bhakta.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Bhakta, Lowthorp, Gardner, & Malloy

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Hardy, Huntley, and Crom

OTHERS PRESENT:

Peter Tracy, City Attorney
Keith Caldwell, Planning Director
Gary Schley, Public Services Officer
Michele Thomas, Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Bhakta 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 Malloy moved to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2012 meeting as written.

Ayes: Bhakta, Malloy, Lowthorp
Abstain: Gardner

MOTION CARRIED: 3-0

CORRESPONDENCE

The City received a letter from Randy Scott, owner of Warrens Auto Repair, in full support of the Conditional Use Permit application from Randy Gillespie.

Tom Hardy, Planning Commissioner, emailed a comment stating the project looks much better than the first time it came in front of the commission at their March meeting where the commission denied the Conditional Use Permit.

PUBLIC HEARING

- (2) Request for a Conditional Use Permit to increase the allowable 80 sq. ft. of signage to 428 sq. ft. of signage at 174 South Main Street, which is in a C-1 zone (General Commercial and Retail).

Randy Gillespie, property and business owner, explained that he has revised the proposed sign that had come in front of the commission at the March 27 meeting which had been denied due to size. The new sign Gillespie is currently proposing is 164 sq. ft smaller than originally submitted.

Commissioner Malloy brought up to the commission and staff a type of signage using channel lettering that lights up only the letters of the sign not the entire sign. There is less light pollution as well as less power usage which would create a significant power cost savings for businesses. Although Malloy does not want to make a requirement for Gillespie's proposed signage, he would like the discussion to be documented for future consideration.

Bhakta asked Gillespie if he had considered channel lettering for his sign. Gillespie stated that he had not heard of this type of sign lighting prior to tonight. Bhakta agreed it is a good point for future consideration.

There was no further discussion.

Chairman Bhakta closed the Public Hearing at 7:12 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

- (3) Request for a Conditional Use Permit to increase the allowable 80 sq. ft. of signage to 428 sq. ft. of signage at 174 South Main Street, which is in a C-1 zone (General Commercial and Retail).

Peter Tracy, City Attorney, stated for the record that the actual approval would be for the sign in the matter presented tonight which is less than previously presented before the commission.

Commissioner Gardner made a motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit to increase the allowable 80 sq. ft of signage to 428 sq. ft. of signage at 174 South Main Street.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0

STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS:

Schley stated that there is nothing calendared at the moment for the next commission meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Bhakta adjourned the meeting at 7:19 P.M. The next scheduled meeting will be May 30, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

Chairman Bhakta

Michele Thomas, Secretary