

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

**March 25, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Malloy.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Huntley, Lowthorp, Heckman, Garcia, and Malloy

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Bhakta and Distel

OTHERS PRESENT:

Gary Schley, Public Services Officer  
Peter Tracy, City Attorney  
Michele Thomas, Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Malloy asked if anyone wished to speak on a subject not calendared on the agenda.

None

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received on March 19, 2014 by Randy Scott, owner of Warrens Auto Repair, regarding waiving the parking requirements for the hostel at 130 Short Street.

(1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION

Commissioner Lowthorp moved to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2014 meeting as written.

Ayes: Huntley, Lowthorp, Garcia, Heckman and Malloy

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

## PUBLIC HEARING

- (2) Request for a Conditional Use Permit to set aside the commercial parking requirements for a hostel occupancy, pursuant to Bishop Municipal Code, Section 17.48.070 at 130 Short Street which is located in a C-1 Zoning District (General Commercial and Retail).

The public hearing was opened at 7:03

Matt Myers, project proponent, introduced himself and shared his vision for a hostel in Bishop at 130 Short Street.

Greg Scott, property owner at 193 Short Street, voiced his concerns about the shortage of parking in the area.

Greg Myers, Matt Myers' father, spoke in favor of the hostel project.

Randy Gillespie, owner of Golden State Cycle, offered to rent parking spaces to Myers in a parking lot he owns north of the property.

Randy Scott, owner of Warren's Auto located at 156 Short Street, complained about parking problems on the street.

Pam Mitchell, Bishop Local, spoke in favor of the hostel project.

Schley explained that the property is in escrow with the proponent and escrow will not close until the conditional use permit is approved.

Hank Truxilo, Bishop Resident, questioned the current use of the property in regards to existing parking issues.

The public hearing was closed at 7:50

## NEW BUSINESS

- (3) Request for a Conditional Use Permit to set aside the commercial parking requirements for a hostel occupancy, pursuant to Bishop Municipal Code, Section 17.48.070 at 130 Short Street which is located in a C-1 Zoning District (General Commercial and Retail).

Schley went over a few things not discussed during the public hearing; the property is surrounded by the core area in downtown Bishop, the downtown core was established in the 1970's to address the lack of parking, and that the proponent is proposing a 24 bed facility (12 bunk beds) that would require 12 parking spaces set aside. If Myers reduced his request to 15, that would be 9 parking spaces to set aside. Schley added that at last night's City Council meeting, the council made a Negative Declaration Determination for the project.

The commissioners discussed the project with staff and among themselves expressing their thoughts about the lack of parking for the property. The

commissioners voiced their concerns regarding parking for the project and parking within the city.

Huntley made a motion to deny the request for a Conditional Use Permit to set aside the commercial parking requirements for a hostel occupancy at 130 Short Street as presented with no prejudice for reapplying in the future.

Ayes: Huntley, Heckman, Lowthorp, and Garcia

Abstain: Malloy

#### MOTION DENIED 5-0

#### (4) Reorganization

Chairman Malloy turned the nominations over to the Gary Schley, Public Services Officer. A call for nominations for the position of chairman was made. Commissioner Huntley nominated Darren Malloy for a second term. No further nominations were received. Roll call was taken to close the nominations for chairman and passed unanimously.

A roll call vote was taken for the election of Darren Malloy for Chairman. Ayes: Lowthorp, Huntley, Garcia, Heckman, and Malloy. Darren Malloy will serve a second one-year term as Chairman.

Re-elected Chairman Malloy opened nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman and Commissioner Garcia nominated Shane Huntley. No further nominations were received. Roll call was taken to close the nominations for vice chairman and passed unanimously.

A roll call vote was taken for the election of Shane Huntley for Vice-Chairman. Ayes: Lowthorp, Huntley, Garcia, Heckman, and Malloy. Shane Huntley will serve a one-year term as Vice-Chairman.

#### STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS:

Schley reported that staff is still in the process of determining the consultant for updating the Economic Development Element. City Council approved the Housing Element at their meeting the night prior. Schley stated that there is no other planning related business to report.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Malloy adjourned the meeting at 8:30 P.M. The next scheduled meeting will be April 29, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

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Chairman Malloy

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Michele Thomas, Secretary