

Minutes
Planning Commission Meeting
Town of Paonia, Colorado
May 01, 2024

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Roll Call

PRESENT

Commissioner Lyn Howe
Commissioner Suzanne Watson
Commissioner Paige Smith
Commissioner Bill Brunner
Commissioner Peter McCarthy

Appointment of Officers

Town Administrator Wynn starts by reading the legal opinion from Kelly PC, Town Attorney firm, regarding appointment of officers.

Commissioner McCarthy makes a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brunner, to appoint Commissioner Watson as Chair.

The motion carries unanimously.

Chair Watson makes a motion, seconded by Commissioner Brunner, to appoint Commissioner Howe as Vice-Chair.

The motion carries unanimously.

Commissioner Smith makes a motion, seconded by Commissioner McCarthy, to appoint Deputy Clerk Ruben Santiago as Secretary.

The motion carries unanimously.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Smith makes a motion, seconded by Commissioner McCarthy, to approve the agenda.

The motion carries unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

April 3, 2024, Planning Commission Minutes

Vice-Chair Howe makes a motion, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the April 3, 2024, meeting minutes with the correction to the spelling of 'Paonia' on page 4.

Voting Aye:
Chair Watson
Vice-Chair Howe
Commissioner McCarthy
Commissioner Smith

Voting Nay:
Commissioner Brunner

Actions & Presentations

1. Public Hearing

Presentation of the draft element portion of the Comprehensive Plan – Transportation; Parks & Recreation Trails and Urban Forest.

This is a presentation only, no action will be taken on this item.

Chair Watson opens the Public Hearing at 6:00PM

Marrisa Mommaerts, of Phoenix Rising Resources LLC, starts presentation specific to Transportation, Trees (Urban Forest), Parks, Recreation & Trails visions, Values, and Policies. Advises May 15th as when the next set of comments are due for these elements.

Commissioner Brunner makes a motion, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to have each section presented and then discussed after each rather than after the entire presentation.

Motion carries unanimously.

The Planning Commission discussed the Comprehensive Plan, emphasizing the importance of caring for the town's urban forest and partnership between the town and property owners in maintaining and enhancing parks and recreational amenities. The commissioners also discussed transportation and mobility in the community, highlighting the need for multimodal transportation and accessible routes, and reviewed and refined the comprehensive plan, focusing on action items, budget considerations, and public engagement.

Commissioner Watson closes the Public Hearing at 7:40PM

2. Public Hearing

Consideration of a recommendation to the Board of Trustees, of a variance for the parking minimums of the Paonia Municipal Code for The Learning Council, for the use of The Hearth at the property located at 138 Grand Avenue.

Chair Watson opens the Public Hearing at 7:48PM.

There is no applicant presentation.

Town Administrator Wynn provides a staff report indicating that the application received as a Variance when it should have been a Special Review with a Public Hearing. The staff report requests tabling the hearing until applicant has met all requirements and addressed concerns regarding parking, traffic, and Fire Marshal's approval.

Public Comment:

Mitch Morgan, Paonia Farm and Home, questions applicant's application and need for needing public input.

Chair Watson closes the Public Hearing at 8:00PM

Commissioner Brunner makes a motion to deny this request due to being incomplete and not explained how it is appropriate.

Motion dies from lack of a second.

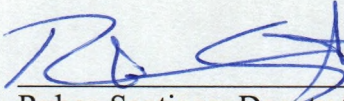
Commissioner Smith makes a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Howe, to remand back to staff for a Special Review of the Hearth as Community Recreational.

There is a brief discussion among Commissioners regarding updating forms, various options, timeframe, and staff time.

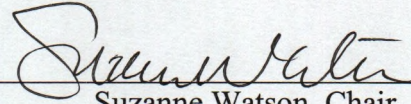
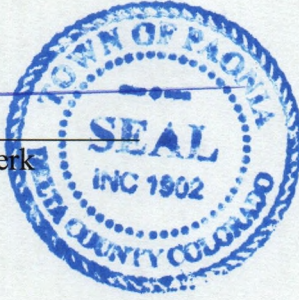
The motion carries unanimously.

Adjournment

Chair Watson adjourns the meeting at 8:17PM



Ruben Santiago, Deputy Clerk



Suzanne Watson, Chair