

CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
July 11, 2023, 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Chairperson Olson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Kelley Sauskojus
Commissioner Steve Jensen
Commissioner Knut Syversen
Commissioner Pam McCain
Commissioner Carol Morgan
Chair/Commissioner John Olson

Staff: Community Development Director, Mona Davis
Deputy City Clerk, Carina Thornquist
Economic Development Director, Andy Williamson
Public Works Director, Scott Hanis
Capital Project/Program Manager, Ryan Sweet
Comm and Info Sys, Jake Kapsandy
Asst. Planner/Permit Tech, Jill Kuzaro
Contract Planner, Andrew Love

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

Regular Meeting of May 9, 2023

The minutes of May 9, 2023, were adopted under unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

PUBLIC HEARING - None

STUDY/WORK SESSION –

Director Hanis introduced Dan Ervin from Varius Inc. who gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Comprehensive Sewer System Plan.

Back and forth discussion took place between the Commissioners, Director Davis and Mr. Ervin.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

Director Davis introduced the staff from AHBL which included Wayne Carlson, Nicole Stickney and our Contract Planner, Andrew Love. She then turned the floor over to Ms. Stickney who gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update.

Extensive back and forth discussion took place between Ms. Stickney, Director Davis and the Commissioners.

Director Davis asked Ms. Stickney if she was going to go over the first drafts listed under New Business. She stated that she's open with whatever the Planning Commission would like. Chair Olson suggested to the Commissioners that they take Chapter 3 and Chapter 4 home to review in the next month and come back at the August meeting to discuss. Commissioners agreed with this suggestion. During the next month, Nicole and AHBL staff will put something together for this meeting as well.

NEW BUSINESS –

- 1) First Draft Parks, Recreation and Open Space Element / Appendix is postponed until the August 8th meeting.
- 2) First Draft Natural Environment Element / Appendix is postponed until the August 8th meeting.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT REPORT –

Director Davis reported on the following items:

- The Community Development Department is in the process of filling the vacant Planning Commissioner position #5. Deadline for applications is July 31st. Currently we have 1 application. Interviews are anticipated to be held the first week of August.
- Director Davis apologized for cancelling the June meeting and explained the reasoning behind it.
- The Comprehensive Plan was reported on in length; work that has been done and the work that still needs to be completed. 2023 Docket went before Council on June 15th. It will be heard again at a Public Hearing at the August 3rd City Council meeting.
- Upcoming schedule of events where Community Development will be hosting a booth to talk to citizens about the Comp. Plan:

- 7/15 Sat. - Miner's Day is this weekend!
- 8/11 Fri. - Throwback HipHop Dance Party at Ten Trails
- 9/2 Sat. – 9/4 Mon. - Black Diamond Labor Days
- 9/16 Sat. - Hometown Hoedown at Ten Trails
- Work has been taking place at the Gomer Evans Jr. Park next to the museum. It has been a priority so it will be completed for Miners Day this weekend.
- City Council has also tasked the Planning Commission with reviewing cannabis regulations and citing zoning districts that could allow retail, and possibly production, in the city. Most likely work on this will begin in August with a public hearing in September. Ms. Davis will report back to City Council with a recommendation by October.
- Ms. Davis gave project updates including appeals, approvals, etc. In addition, she gave clarification on the three Palmer Rezones and reminded City Council last week that there is no development proposed by the application.
- An update was given on new businesses that have opened recently or is ready to open in the near future. Those businesses include Glass House Dance Studio, Sharkey's Kids Cutz, Rooted Dentistry, Cedar County Landscaping and Humble's Insurance Co.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Kristen Bryant from Bellevue, spoke to Commissioners.

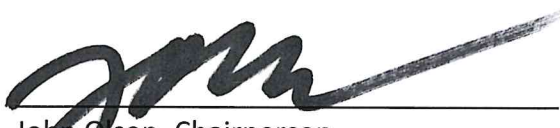
Andy Williamson from Black Diamond, spoke to Commissioners.

ADJOURN

Commissioner McCain **moved** to adjourn, **second** Commissioner Syversen. **Vote**, motion **passed 6-0**. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

These minutes were respectively recorded by Carina Thornquist, Deputy City Clerk

ATTEST:



John Olson, Chairperson



Planning Commission Secretary