

TRINITY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Special Meeting

March 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Trinity County Library Conference Room

351 Main St, Weaverville, CA

Chairman Dan Frasier

Vice-Chairman Diana Stewart

Commissioner Graham Matthews

Commissioner Richard Hoard

Commissioner Mike McHugh

MEETING MINUTES

***NOTE:** In order to limit any potential exposure to the COVID-19 virus, the Planning Commissioners and members of the public were invited to attend this meeting via Telephone Conferencing as provided by Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Dan Frasier called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioners present: Richard Hoard and Dan Frasier

***Commissioners Present via Telephone Conferencing:** Diana Stewart, and Mike McHugh.

Absent: Commissioner Matthews

Staff present: Planning Director Kim Hunter, Associate Planner Bella Hedtke, Administrative Coordinator Mary Beth Brinkley, and Clerk Carole Roberson

PUBLIC COMMENT: During the Public Comment period members of the public may address the Planning Commission on any matter not listed on the agenda that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Planning Commission.

Elizabeth Macintosh spoke regarding ongoing community impacts from the "Smith Pit" Mining Operation in Junction City. She requested the Planning Department to please agendaize this item in the future to modify the conditions of the permit.

Justin Hawkins spoke regarding the importance of creating a stakeholder committee to help guide the General Plan update. He also commented about the Draft Cannabis Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Veronica Kelley-Albiez spoke about the need to review existing approved use permits and the need to enforce the conditions and codes associated with use permits.

Public comment closed at 7:31 p.m.

REGULAR CALENDAR:

MINUTES: None

General Plan Amendment for the 2019-2024 Housing Element (DEV-20-01): Trinity County has prepared a draft update to the Housing Element in the County's General Plan which covers the time period from September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2024. The 2019-2024 Housing Element update identifies and analyzes

existing and projected housing needs for individuals and households within the unincorporated areas of Trinity County and provides a statement of goals, policies, and programs for the preservation, improvement, and development of various types of housing. The Housing Element is mandated under California Government Code Section 65580 and is subject to review and certification by the California Department of Housing and Community Development. Proposed CEQA Determination: Addendum to the previously adopted Negative Declaration / Planner: K. Hunter.

Director Hunter presented the staff report.

Chair Frasier opened the public comment period.

Dana Ryan commented on the need for housing in Trinity County and his desire to implement “tiny homes.”

Justin Hawkins spoke on the need for this county to commit to the “Class K” housing and encouraged Trinity County to be on board with the Internet Fiber Optics Line possibly running through to Hoopa.

John Brower spoke on The Cannabis Program bringing unpermitted building into permitted, safe housing status over the last few years.

Public comment closed at 7:51 p.m.

Commissioner Hoard: Motion to adopt the Addendum to the 2016 Housing Element Negative Declaration and direct staff to file a Notice of Determination with the Trinity County Clerk and adopt the Resolution approving General Amendment DEV-20-01 for the 6th Cycle 2019-2024 Housing Element Update with amending to include in Program 4.1 the opportunity for the county to further explore what is allowed by State and called “limited-density owner-built rural dwellings” and lastly, to direct staff to submit the Adopted 2019-2024 Housing Element to the Department of Housing and Community Development for final certification and filing. Commissioner McHugh: Seconded. Commissioner Stewart – Aye, Commissioner McHugh – Aye, Chair Frasier – Aye. Motion carried. (Commissioner Matthews absent.)

Chair Frasier announced that the March 26, 2020 meeting is cancelled due to COVID-19 and that all items would be continued to the April 9, 2020 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Planning Commission adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Submitted by:



Kim Hunter, Planning Director
Secretary of the Planning Commission