



CITY OF RED BLUFF

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PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, October 29, 2013
Time of Meeting: 5:15 p.m.
Place of Meeting: City Council Chambers
555 Washington Street
Red Bluff, CA

Commissioners Present: Vern Raglin
Doug Dale
Andrew Christ
Kevin Fitzpatrick
Jean Moran

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Scot Timboe, Planning Director
Cheryl Smith, Deputy City Clerk

Chairperson Raglin called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.

Rich Greene led the Pledge of Allegiance and the assembly joined in.

CITIZEN'S COMMENT:

None

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 23, 2013

M/S/C Christ, Fitzpatrick to approve the July 23, 2013 minutes as submitted.

AYES: Commissioners Dale, Christ, Fitzpatrick and Raglin

NOES: None

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Commissioner Moran (abstained – absent that meeting)

2. PUBLIC WORKSHOP FOR INPUT AND COMMENT ON THE 2013 HOUSING CONDITIONS SURVEY AND HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE 2014-2019

Scot Timboe, Interim Community Development Director, reviewed the staff report and provided staff's recommendation that the Planning Commission open the Public Workshop and allow staff to provide a brief overview and explanation on the topic, then open a public comment period and general discussion. Mr. Timboe reported that HCD had reviewed and found it to be in compliance.

This is a public workshop for the City of Red Bluff to receive input and comments on the 2013 Housing Conditions Survey that will provide statistical data for the Housing Element update, as well as, comply with funding criteria for Community Development Block Grants through the State Dept. of HCD. The work shop is also the time for early input on Community Housing and other Socio- Economic Groups interests prior to a draft document. Notices of this workshop were published in the Red Bluff Daily News and posted at the Community Center, Library, Court House and City Hall on Tuesday October 8, 2013; in both English and Spanish.

Chairperson Raglin opened the public comment period at 5:22 p.m.

Jennifer Haffner, requested clarification on the number of units and whether it had dropped and also if this was the first step of the process to update the Housing Element. Ms. Haffner requested clarification on the timeline to bring back the whole package.

Mr. Timboe stated that the number had dropped since this was done in 2002 and many of the properties noted in that report have been cleared of the abandoned vehicles. He felt the economic boom allowed many owners to refinance and make repairs to their property and homes. Mr. Timboe stated that an ordinance would be brought back to the Planning Commission and he hoped to have a draft Housing Element completed by January, at which time he would then have another workshop, an additional draft and then the final Housing Element which would be reviewed by HCD prior to adoption.

Commissioner Christ questioned when the document had to be completed.

Mr. Timboe stated that it had to be done by June of 2014.

Ms. Haffner noted that the certain populations and shelters was not mentioned or addressed in the Housing Conditions Survey and wondered where those would be addressed.

Mr. Timboe stated that there was a component in the current Housing Element that currently complies with SB 2 requirements and since the noted Homeless population has decreased to about 129 based on information from the County and that the current available zoned land should be adequate as the analyses was based on more homeless in the past Housing Element.

Ms. Haffner questioned if that would be used for this document.

Mr. Timboe stated that it would be based on the data package the State provided.

Ms. Haffner stated that she would have comments on the the full package and that she wanted her comments in the record. She will do formal written comments on the document when it's available.

Commissioner Dale stated that the Planning Commission was familiar with the shelter issues.

Commissioner Fitzpatrick stated that Mr. Timboe had done an admiral job on this section of the document.

Commissioner Christ stated that this was one of the best updates on this element.

Ms. Haffner requested clarification on the footnote for table 4.2 and noted that the total of 192 didn't add up.

Arlene Dering, questioned if it was possible to expand the zoning to address special population issues.

Mr. Timboe stated that the Zoning Code deals with zoning issues.

Ms. Haffner stated that those comments on the concerns of zoning could be addressed in the Housing Element.

Chairperson Raglin requested clarification on the size of the group of homeless that PATH dealt with.

Ms. Dering stated that they have counted 129. The rotating shelter has housed 57 (highest) and averaged 30, overall approximately 200 people passed through the shelters over the season.

Chairperson Raglin closed the public comment period at 5:50 p.m.

STAFF ITEMS/REPORTS:

Mr. Timboe reported that he was working on the draft ordinance for the Housing Element for the November 12th meeting.

Mr. Timboe also provided an update on the Wal-Mart Super Center and the improvements planned, stating that they would like to get all the approvals at one time.

ADJOURNMENT:

M/S/C Fitzpatrick, Moran to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

AYES: Commissioners Christ, Dale, Fitzpatrick, Moran and Raglin

NOES: None

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: None

Respectfully submitted,

Scot Timboe
Planning Director