

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, May 13, 2008

Time of Meeting: 5:15 p.m.

Place of Meeting: City Council Chambers
555 Washington Street
Red Bluff, CA

Commissioners Present: Doug Dale
Greg Latourell
Jean Moran
Bob Carrel

Commissioners Absent: Andrew Christ (excused)

Staff Present: Scot Timboe, Planning Director
Cheryl Smith, Deputy City Clerk
JD Ellison, Building Official/Director
Michael Bachmeyer, Division Chief
Laura Stevens-Schuldt

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Richard Clapp and the assemblage joined in.

CITIZEN'S COMMENT:

Richard Clapp and Greg Ellis, members of the Red Bluff Parks and Recreation Commission, announced the Canoe Races which would take place on Saturday, May 17th at River Park. They also challenged the members of the Planning Commission to participate and race against members of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Canoes would be provided to any Planning Commissioners wishing to take the challenge.

CURRENT BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/S/C Moran, Dale to approve the minutes of April 8, 2008 as written.

AYES: Commissioners: Dale, Moran, Carrel and Latourell

NOES: None

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Commissioners: Christ (absent-excused)

PUBLIC HEARING; USE PERMIT NO. 377; TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A DRIVE-THRU FOR THE NEW US BANK BUILDING IN A H-C HISTORICAL-COMMERCIAL DISTRICT; 801 MAIN ST., APN 029-381-04; US BANK

Scot Timboe, Planning Director, reviewed the staff report and gave staff's recommendation that the Planning Commission:

1. Conduct the Public Hearing.
2. Consider all public testimony and other information submitted relating to this project submitted to the Commission.
3. Adopt Resolution No. 08-003, approving Use Permit No. 377 with the findings and conditions of approval shown in Resolution No. 08-003.

Chairperson Latourell opened the Public Hearing at 5:30 p.m.

Lee Buckingham, Architect for US Bank, stated that he was available to answer any questions the Planning Commission may have. He also reported that this would be the first bank with a LEEDS rating.

Commissioner Carrel requested and received clarification on "silver rating".

Mr. Buckingham stated that this was an energy rating and that up to 57 points could be earned for using sustainable materials such as recycled bricks and parking space for energy efficient vehicles.

Commissioner Dale requested clarification on whether there would be a bike rack installed, the placement of the ATM and the type of street lamps referenced.

Mr. Buckingham stated that there would be a bike rack installed, that there would also be an ATM installed on the backside of the building and that the lamps are the decorative type.

Commissioner Moran questioned if the traffic direction on the alley would be changed and if the alley would be one way only.

Mr. Timboe stated that it was already in the process and that with it being designated right turn only will help with the stacking up of vehicles coming off of Main Street.

Chairperson Latourell questioned if the parking spaces along Walnut Street would be removed.

Mr. Timboe stated that the four (4) parking spaces along Walnut Street would be removed which would allow a wider Walnut Street to eventually allow for two lanes in both directions.

Commissioner Carrel requested clarification on Mr. Timboe regarding two lanes.

Mr. Timboe stated that some of the sidewalk could be removed and by doing that it would allow for two (2) lanes of traffic for both directions.

Commissioner Dale stated that he applauded Mr. Timboe for removing the parking spaces.

Mr. Timboe stated that he appreciated the cooperation of both Mr. Buckingham and U.S. Bank.

Chairperson Latourell requested clarification on whether the bulb outs were for traffic calming.

Mr. Timboe stated that they were not bulb outs, that they were an ADA ramp requirement.

Chairperson Latourell requested clarification on whether the project met the parking requirements, since he notices there were no exceptions requested.

Mr. Timboe stated that was correct.

Commissioner Dale noted that the roof requirement will allow for the A/C unit to be hidden.

Chairperson Latourell questioned the amount of foot traffic in this area.

Mr. Timboe stated that there was not a lot to the north of this location and that most of the foot traffic would be from customers of the bank.

Commission Carrel requested clarification on whether garbage trucks would be able to get into the area for pickup.

Mr. Timboe stated that was correct, there would be no problems.
Chairperson Latourell closed the public hearing at 5:43 p.m.

M/S/C Dale, Moran to adopt Resolution No. 08-003 approving Use Permit No. 377 with the Findings and Conditions of approval shown in Resolution No. 08-003.

AYES: Commissioners: Carrel, Dale, Latourell and Moran

NOES: Commissioner: None

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Commissioner: Christ (absent-excused)

STAFF ITEMS/REPORTS

Mr. Timboe reported that at the May 27th meeting there would be a parcel map splitting the lot between Home Depot and Red Bluff Ford into two (2) four (4) acre parcels.

Chairperson Latourell questioned if big rig parking would be bought back at any time for discussion and/or action.

Mr. Timboe stated that it was tabled at City Council level and that no action was taken to provide a designated parking area because of the liability to the City. If the City designated an area to park, it would be held liable for any damages to the rigs.

Mr. Timboe stated that at the June 10th meeting the Planning Commission would once again be discussing trees. He did check on the price of a tree from the City's tree list and in a 15 gallon container the cost would be eight dollars (\$80).

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m. until May 27, 2008 at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

s/ Scot Timboe
Planning Director