
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2002

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 1:15 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE: Chairman Shed Conklin

PRESENT: Chairman Shed Conklin
Vice Chairman Thomas Beede
Commissioner Charles Brewster
Commissioner Bill Jahn
Commissioner Robert Day

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Molly Bogh, Community Development Director
Phil Mosley, Chief Building Official
Sandra Molina, Principal Planner
Neil Braunstein, Associate Planner
Lisa Shelton, Administrative Secretary
Jennifer Worth, Administrative Secretary

The Planning Commission of the City of Big Bear Lake took the following actions at the February 6, 2002 meeting held in Hofert Hall, Civic and Performing Arts Center, 39707 Big Bear Boulevard, Big Bear Lake, California.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Moved by Commissioner Jahn, seconded by Commissioner Day, to approve the Agenda as presented. The Agenda was approved unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Community Development Director Bogh explained to the Planning Commission that Administrative Secretary, Lisa Shelton, would be moving from the Planning Division to the Building and Safety Division and introduced Jennifer Worth, who would be replacing Ms. Shelton in Planning. Ms. Bogh then confirmed that the Tree Conservation Ordinance workshop had been continued to February 26, 2002 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Ms. Bogh also recommended that no new drafts of the Ordinance be introduced until the current draft has been discussed in its entirety in order to eliminate any confusion. The Planning Commission concurred.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one wished to speak

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1.1 Temporary Use Permit 2001-203
Location: Bear Mountain Golf Course
APN: 310-942-01
Applicant: Special Olympics of Southern California
Representative: Bill Fields

Planning Commission adoption of a resolution approving an application to hold a special event consisting of cross-country skiing races for the Special Olympics of Southern California. The races will take place at the ninth hole of the Bear Mountain Golf Course on Monday, March 4, 2002, through Wednesday, March 6, 2002. This project has been determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15304(e), Class 4 of the CEQA Guidelines.

Moved by Commissioner Day, seconded by Commissioner Beede to adopt Resolution No. PC2002-04 approving Temporary Use Permit 2001-203 for the Special Olympics of Southern California as follows.

RESOLUTION NO. PC2002-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BIG BEAR LAKE, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING TEMPORARY USE PERMIT 2001-203 TO CONDUCT A CROSS-COUNTRY SKI COMPETITION SPECIAL EVENT ON THE PROPERTY AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF CLUB VIEW DRIVE AND GOLDMINE ROAD, ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER 310-942-01

Motion was carried by a vote of 4 to 0. Commissioner Jahn abstained due to a potential conflict of interest based on the proximity of his property to the project site.

2. PLANNING OFFICIAL'S REPORT

- 2.1 General Plan Status Report
1999-2001

A report on the status of the General Plan, which was adopted on August 23, 1999.

Principal Planner Molina reviewed the Annual Report on the Implementation of the General Plan and requested that it be received and considered by the Commission.

Community Development Director Bogh reminded the Commission of a Joint Council Meeting on Monday, March 11, 2002 at 1:00pm to discuss goals in preparation for next year's budget. Ms. Bogh also noted that the General Plan Status Report would be a useful tool in preparation for the March 11th meeting, especially the matrix found in the back of the report.

3. SUMMARY COMMENTS

Commissioner Brewster lauded Principal Planner Molina on the professionalism and usefulness of the General Plan Status Report. Brewster also commented on the memo provided by staff on tree removal at the Club project and the objectivity of the arborists being hired by the proponents. Community Development Director Bogh responded that a number of factors, including the changing conditions of the site regarding grading and cutting, resulted in the removal of four additional trees.

Commissioner Day inquired about the grading on the west side of the Elks Lodge. Community Development Director Bogh responded that it is the off-site detention basin that is part of the drainage improvements for the Club project. Additionally, Commissioner Day thanked Ms. Bogh and Principal Planner Molina for their handling of the February 5th Special Meeting and requested that the continuation of this meeting be kept in Planning Commission format by directing questions through the Chairman and agreed with Chairman Conklin's request to keep the meeting in Hofert Hall.

Commissioner Jahn commended Community Development Director Bogh and Principal Planner Molina on their work regarding the Tree Conservation Ordinance.

Vice-Chair Beede also commended Community Development Director Bogh and Principal Planner Molina on their work regarding the Tree Conservation Ordinance. In addition, he inquired as to whether Commissioner Day had found a statement referring to trees retaining more carbon than they produce. Commissioner Day responded that he had read a report on the Internet, which stated that, due to a number of scientific factors, there is no extra carbon made. Vice-Chair Beede also added that 24-inch boxed trees can be purchased in Big Bear Lake.

Community Development Director Bogh responded that credit for the General Plan Report should also go to Administrative Secretary, Lisa Shelton, for compiling the matrix in the back of the Report.

Chair Conklin requested that a discussion item regarding the congestion on Big Bear Boulevard and possible solutions to this problem be put on the agenda of a future joint meeting with the City Council. Community Development Director Bogh said that she

would speak with City Manager, Michael Perry, about adding this item to the agenda, as he would want to involve the Sheriff's Department regarding anything that had to do with traffic control. Mr. Conklin also requested that a conventional street sign be installed at the new corner of Cottage and Beaver. Ms. Bogh stated that she would put out a work order to the Public Works Division. Mr. Conklin added that he was happy with the February 5th special meeting if for nothing more than it invited public participation.

4. ADJOURNMENT

At the hour of 1:42 p.m., Chair Conklin adjourned to the Regular Planning Commission Meeting of February 20, 2002.

MINUTES APPROVED AT THE MEETING OF: February 20, 2002

Jennifer Worth, Planning Commission Secretary