



**BLUE LAKE PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 18, 2014
Community Center – 111 Greenwood Road
(Skinner Store Building behind City Hall)**

The Blue Lake Planning Commission Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. at the Skinner Store.

Commissioners Present: Platz, Eddy, Amirkhan, Fechner, Nessler

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: City Planner Garrison Rees, City Manager John Berchtold, and Planning Commission Secretary Kara Newman

Staff Absent: None

- 1. Approval of Minutes: July 16, 2014**
 - a. Motion (Nessler/Amirkhan) to approve the minutes as written.
 - b. Motion passed unanimously.

- 2. Public Input on Non-Agenda Items**
 - a. Member of the public requested agenda and packet be placed online and expressed disappointment that it hasn't been. Planner Rees noted that the City Clerk was not in town and therefore the agenda was not posted on-line.

- 3. Approval of Agenda**
 - a. Motion (Amirkhan/Platz) to approve the agenda as written.

Discussion / Action:

- 4. Public Hearing/Planning Commission Action: 025-161-003, 312-161-016, - 019/2014 Site Plan Approval for Blue Lake Power, LLC**
 - a. Public hearing was opened.
 - b. Plant Manager Walter Nystrom communicated that he thought they were in compliance until the City shut them down. He expressed frustration regarding submitting a packet of information requested by the City in July, and yet commissioners do not have this information in their packet for this evening, Staff report is not yet ready, and they will have to turn away green waste from neighbors for the future.
 - c. Other public comment included comments that noise is still an issue, the previous use permit is very different from the current one, instead of receiving chips they are now receiving whole logs and more often, suggestions that staff go through a new process that reflects current usage, permanent mitigation for noise is important, noise is still measured from only one direction, request to

take sound testing from opposite directions, sound bounces through near by building and you have to yell, request to keep decibels down so that businesses can operate, residents have to close their windows at night to sleep, concern that a resolution in 1997 was not signed, concern that the proposed plan is not consistent with what was originally approved, suggestion to look at changing operating times, and positive support for the project.

- d. Plant Manager approaches commission and shows on the map where the processing will occur.
- e. Public hearing closed.
- f. Commissioners discussed briefly. Platz suggested a special meeting to hurry along the process. Planner Rees commented that two to three months is quick processing time and believes by the September meeting it will be ready.
- g. Item coming back next meeting.

5. Planning Commission Review: 312-161-020 & 313-231-001/2013 Blue Lake Roundstock 1st Quarter Compliance Monitoring Review

- a. Planner Rees reviewed staff report and noted that Roundstock are in compliance with everything except the noise standard- 70 decibels at nearest property line.
- b. Public Comment was opened.
- c. Comments included that machinery is operating as they said, back-up alarms are loud although understandable, and a reminder that lighting is important. The General Manger Thomas Parsons introduced himself and commented on the back-up alarms that they are not loud enough and he worries about the safety of his crew, he purchased top of the line lighting that are well contained with guards on them, and he values being in compliance, working with everyone and employing locals.
- d. Public hearing was closed.
- e. Motion (Platz/ Fechner) to receive quarterly report.
- f. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Planning Commission Action: 025-035-006/2014 Site Plan Approval for Jannyce & Robert Rousseau

- a. Commissioner Eddy disqualified himself from this item because Rousseau is his landlord.
- b. Planner Rees reviewed staff report.
- c. Public hearing opened
- d. Rousseau explained the time line of the project and his thought process around the project.
- e. Public comment closed.
- f. Motion (Nessler/Amirkhan) to approve as is. 4-0, Eddy disqualified himself.

7. Planning Commission Discussion: City of Blue Lake Strategic Growth Council Sustainable Communities Planning Grant No. 3012-552. Review of Draft Energy Element

- a. Planner Rees reviewed the current status and timeline for the Draft Energy Element: revisions were made from last meeting and forwarded to RCEA, RCEA will go through revisions and add anything from the climate action plan that was not included, the revised version will be brought back in September, Planning Commissioners will then give their input, and it will be brought to the City Council in October.

8. Miscellaneous Planner Items:

- a. City Manager informed the commissioners on the proposed tax measure, invited them to the grange meeting and reiterated that it is informational only, not advocacy.

9. Adjournment

- a. Motion (Platz/Eddy) to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.
- b. Motion passed unanimously.