



**BLUE LAKE PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, November 17, 2014  
Community Center – 111 Greenwood Road  
(Skinner Store Building behind City Hall)**

The Blue Lake Planning Commission Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. at the Skinner Store.

**Commissioners Present:** Eddy, Amirkhan, Nessler

**Commissioners Absent:** Fechner, Platz

**Staff Present:** City Planner Garrison Rees, Planning Commission Secretary Kara Newman

**Staff Absent:** City Manager John Berchtold

- 1. Approval of Minutes: September 15, 2014**
  - a. Motion (Nessler/Eddy) to approve the minutes as written.
  - b. Motion passed unanimously.
- 2. Public Input on Non-Agenda Items**
  - a. None.
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
  - a. Motion (Nessler/Eddy) to approve the agenda as written.

**Discussion / Action:**

- 4. Planning Commission Review: Blue Lake Roundstock 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Compliance Monitoring Review.**
  - a. Planner Rees presented the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Compliance Monitoring Report to the Planning Commission which concluded that the Blue Lake Roundstock operation is in compliance with the conditions of their approval as well as the Industrial (M) zone performance standards.
  - b. Planner Rees further explained that a complaint had been received by the City during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter alleging that Blue Lake Roundstock had conducted activities in violation of the terms of their permit. Planner Rees explained that these activities were being conducted by the property owner Gary Johnston and were not related to the Roundstock operation.
  - c. The Commissioners requested some additional information about the activities discussed in the complaint which Planner Rees provided.
  - d. Blue Lake Roundstock Manager Thomas Parsons stated that they have received no complaints about their operation and expressed that he is very pleased with how everything is operating thus far.

5. **Planning Commission Discussion: City of Blue Lake Strategic Growth Council. Review of Draft Land Use Element.**
  - a. Planner Rees presented the Draft Land Use Element to the Commission. Planner Rees requested that the Commissioners take a close look at the Land Use Element since it is the largest section of the General Plan and ultimately determines how development will occur in the City.
  - b. Planner Rees explained some of the revisions to the Land Use Element including adding a new 'Creeks and Wetlands' section which has policies related to Powers Creek as well as wetlands occurring in the City.
  - c. Commissioner Amirkhan asked about the status of the Annie-Mary Rail Trail Project. Planner Rees explained that the County recently conducted research into the legal status of the railroad right-of-way to determine if it is available for use as a trail. Planner Rees further explained that sections of the right-of-way go through active industrial sites and some portions of the trail may need to be located in the County road right-of-way to avoid land use conflicts.
  
6. **Miscellaneous Planner Items.**
  - a. Planning Commission Secretary Kara Newman announced that she will be leaving her position with Blue Lake for a job with the City of Arcata. The Commissioners thanked her for her service as Secretary and discussion ensued about a replacement.
  
7. **Upcoming Planning Commission Meetings for the next 3 months will be on December 15<sup>th</sup>, January 19<sup>th</sup> & February 16<sup>th</sup>.**
  - a. The Commissioners stated that they will be available for the meetings over the next 3 months.
  
8. **Adjournment by 9:00 pm unless extended by the Planning Commission.**
  - a. Motion (Eddy/Nessler) to adjourn at 7:36 p.m.
  - b. Motion passed unanimously.