



BLUE LAKE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 19, 2014

7:00 P.M.

**Community Center - 111 Greenwood Road
(Skinner Store Building behind City Hall)**

The Blue Lake Planning Commission Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at Skinner Store.

Commissioners Present: Jon Fechner, Karen Nessler, John Amirkhan

Commissioners Absent: Rick Platz, Joe Krienke

Staff Present: City Planner Garrison Rees and Planning Commission Secretary Kara Newman.

Staff Absent: City Manager John Berchtold

- 1. Approval of Minutes: April 21, 2014**
 - a. Continued to next meeting. Quorum from April 21st meeting not present at tonight's meeting.
- 2. Public Input on Non-Agenda Items**
 - a. None received.
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
 - a. Motion (Amirkhan/Nessler) to approve agenda as written.
 - b. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion / Action:

- 4. Planning Commission Action: 025-073-004, -005 & 025-201-012, -013/2013 Conditional Use Permit (Indefinite Permit Term) for Dell'Arte, Inc. to allow the annual summertime Mad River Festival from roughly Mid-June through mid-August. Festival events will take place on the Dell'Arte properties in the City's Downtown and on the Almquist property in the Business Park where Dell'Arte rents a studio space. For the annual event it is proposed to locate a 35' x 80' tent either on the vacant Dell'Arte property (025-073-004) adjacent to their building in the Downtown or on the Almquist property in the Business Park as occurred for the Harvest Days event. The project is Categorically Exempt from CEQA per §15304(e) of the CEQA Guidelines allowing minor temporary use of land having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment, including carnivals, sales of Christmas trees, etc.**
 - a. Planner Rees presented the Staff Report for Dell'Arte's Conditional Use Permit for the Mad River Festival.
 - b. A variety of public comment in support of the project was received.

- c. Commissioners discussed the application. Comments included the following: 1) they love seeing the kids attend the festival; 2) the festival is a great fit for Blue Lake; and 3) they really enjoy the festival and support it.
 - d. Motion (Fechner/Amirkhan) to approve Resolution No. 9-2014.
 - e. Motion passed unanimously.
- 5. Planning Commission Discussion: City of Blue Lake Strategic Growth Council (SGC) Sustainable Communities Planning Grant No. 3012-552. Update on the Climate Action Plan and Task 2 activities.**
- a. Planner Rees reviewed and updated the Commission on the SGC Grant activities.
 - b. The City Council will be looking at the Climate Action Plan at their next meeting.
 - c. City Staff will be updating specific portions of the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance as part of Task 2 activities under the grant. The Energy Element will probably be first, followed by the Land Use and Circulation Elements.
- 6. Miscellaneous Planner Items.**
- a. Planner Rees commented on upcoming development applications and how they are slowing down.
 - b. Commissioner Fechner noted that Blue Lake Fire Department does trainings on Tuesdays and he wishes he could come to the City Council meetings.
- 7. Upcoming Planning Commission Meetings for the next 3 months will be on June 16th, July 21st, & August 18th.**
- 8. Adjournment by 9:00 pm unless extended by the Planning Commission.**
- a. Motion (Amirkhan/Nessler) to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.