



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

The Blue Lake Planning Commission Special Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. at the Skinner Store.

Commissioners Present: Eddy, Amir Khan, Nessler

Commissioners Absent: Platz

Staff Present: City Manager John Berchtold, City Planner Garrison Rees

Staff Absent: Planning Commission Secretary Cheryl Gunderson

- 1. Approval of Minutes: November 17, 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 (Eddy/Nessler) to approve the agenda as written.

Discussion / Action:

- 4. Planning Commission Discussion: City of Blue Lake Strategic Growth Council (SGC) Sustainable Communities Planning Grant No. 3012-552. Review of Draft Land Use Element.**
 - a. Planner Rees presented the draft Land Use Element to the Commission. Planner Rees discussed a variety of specific points in the Land Use Element that needed further consideration by the Commission.
 - b. The points discussed with the Commission included: 1) encouraging infill development; 2) multi-family housing; 3) preservation of historic properties/structures; 4) pre-treatment of industrial wastewater discharge; 5) requiring garbage/recycling services; 6) designating community resource trees; 7) City beautification programs; 8) removal of the Highway Commercial (HC) Zone; 9) non-conforming properties in the City Center; 10) the industrial truck route; 11) design guidelines for the Business Park; 12) protection of resource lands surrounding the City; 13) abandonment of City right-of-ways; and 14) building setbacks from Powers Creek.
 - c. The Commissioners provided input on the various issues which will be incorporated into the draft Land Use Element. The draft Element will be brought back to the Commission for discussion at their January meeting.

- 5. Planning Commission Discussion: City of Blue Lake Strategic Growth Council (SGC) Sustainable Communities Planning Grant No. 3012-552. Review of Draft Circulation Element.**
 - a. In the interest of time, the Planning Commission decided to postpone the discussion on the Circulation Element till the January meeting.
- 6. Miscellaneous Planner Items.**
 - a. Planner Rees announced that Cheryl Gunderson of Streamline Planning Consultants will take over as Planning Commission Secretary now that former Secretary Kara Newman is working for the City of Arcata.
- 7. Upcoming Planning Commission Meetings for the next 3 months will be on January 19th, February 16th & March 16th.**
 - 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 8:53 p.m.
 - b. Motion passed unanimously.