

GILPIN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

January 11, 2011

The Gilpin County Planning Commission convened, at the Gilpin Old Courthouse,
Meeting Room, 203 Eureka Street; Central City, Colorado

Call to Order: Chair Laura Jeney called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

Quorum Call: Present: Chair Laura Jeney, Chair pro-tem Ron Saeger, Thomas Moore, Rob Dutcher, Jim Wailes, Lance Jones, Mark Cooney, 1st Andrea Orthner & Roxann Goss 2nd Alternate – Absent: None - Staff Present: County Planner Ray Rears.

Public in Attendance: 16

Agenda Review: no changes

Minutes: The Planning Commission reviewed the minutes for the December 14, 2010 meeting; Wailes moved to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Saeger and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Welcome: The Planning Commission welcomed the two newly appointed members Andrea Orthner, 1st Alternate and Roxann Goss 2nd Alternate (Note: Jan Doell resigned after the last meeting due to scheduling difficulties).

Election: Discussion ensued regarding the 2011 appointments of the Chair and Chair pro-tem. Saeger moved to reappoint Jeney Chair, seconded by Moore and the motion passed, with Jeney abstaining. Moore moved to reappoint Saeger Chair pro-tem, seconded by Dutcher and the motion passed, with Saeger abstaining.

SUR 11-01 – Commercial Shooting Range, Concept Plan Discussion - tbd. Virginia Canyon Road, North, Venus & 93 Lodes – Owner: Red Tail XP LLC – Applicant: James C. Padgett

Staff presented the staff report regarding this proposal. The applicants James Padgett and Bill Root presented their proposal which included the following:

- Utilized by area law enforcement personal and the general public
- Membership options available
- Family oriented
- Special Events

A discussion ensued regarding the project. Support was given for the preliminary project in concept only with the following items identified as area's concern.

- Noise (dbl) levels at the property line
- Proximity to neighbors,
- Traffic
- Security,
- Public Health comments
- Hours of operation,
- Wildlife
- Special Events

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- o Size of the parcel.

The applicants will address these concerns, prior to their next meeting with the Planning Commission.

OLD BUSINESS:

Zoning Code Revision Discussion - Animals: Rears presented the proposed revisions to the animal code. The revisions are intended to address some issues that have surfaced since the animal code was last modified in June 2009. This month's revision includes a comparison of quantitative vs. qualitative codes. The quantitative (chart) includes some of the suggested revisions, which include adding 40+ acre column, lowering the limits for smaller animals on the bottom of the chart, moving the game animal's classification into animals less than 750 lbs., exempting youth animals and grazing on small parcels during the summer. The qualitative approach is shown through the underlined portions in the 2006 Zoning Code. The care of animals can not be regulated through zoning. Off site impacts are generally environmental, including noise, odor and water quality. All three environmental impacts identified are very difficult to regulate.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed regulations and public comment heard to date. Additional public comment was heard from Cynthia Phillips, Web Sill, Woody Snyder, Norma Jones and Joe Phillips.

The commission discussed the quantitative method (charting animals) and the qualitative method which was in place prior to the current code and the pro and cons of each method. After a considerable amount of discussion the Planning Commission agreed to continue with the quantitative (chart) method. Further small scale modifications are needed to the chart including moving Turkeys under Poultry, requiring Buffalo and Elk to be reviewed by SUR, lowering pig numbers in 10-39 acre parcels to 40 and clarifications to a definition of a youth animal and the language permitting grazing of cattle on smaller lots for limited a duration. Saeger moved to bring this proposal to the commission during a noticed public hearing next month, Jones seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public comment was heard during the Animal Code Revision Discussion.

STAFF UPDATES:

Joint Meeting: Rears noted that the Board of County Commissioners will be selecting the date of their annual joint meeting soon and staff will inform them of the date next month.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

ADJOURN:

Moore moved to adjourn, seconded by Cooney. Meeting ended at 10:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura Azevedo Jeney
Chair

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