



TOWN OF LOOMIS
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
LOOMIS DEPOT
5775 HORSESHOE BAR ROAD
LOOMIS, CALIFORNIA

TUESDAY

APRIL 20, 2010

7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER *7:35 PM*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL *All Present*
COMMISSIONER ARISMAN
COMMISSIONER FETTKE
COMMISSIONER OBRANOVICH
CHAIRMAN THEW
COMMISSIONER WILSON

COMMISSION COMMENTS: *Commissioner Wilson informed the other Commissioners and the public in attendance of the Town Council's decision to change the max-height of a ground mounted solar collector to 6-feet (reduced from the 15-feet the Planning Commission had recommended).*

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA: *None.*

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: *A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Commissioner Obranovich and seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed by a unanimous voice vote.*

CONSENT AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION

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| 1. MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2010 | APPROVED |
| 2. PROJECT STATUS REPORT | RECEIVED AND FILED |

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA: *None.*

A motion to adopt the consent agenda was made by Commissioner Obranovich and seconded by Commissioner Arisman and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

BUSINESS

3. TREE ORDINANCE DISCUSSION

RECOMMENDATION: Continue this item to the May 18, 2010 Planning Commission meeting. Staff will notice this as a public hearing item for the May 18, 2010 meeting in order for the Commission to make a formal recommendation to the Town Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Commissioner Wilson stated that the draft Tree Ordinance has been piece-mealed and is currently not ready to forward to the Council.

Shawna Martinez (Colwell Road, Penryn, CA) – Botany Professor at Sierra College. There are ecological benefits to all native tree species and would like all protected. The more trees that are standing, the more carbon dioxide they store.

The Commission discussed, with professional input from Professor Martinez, the benefits of certain native tree species:

- Buckeyes are poisonous to non-native bees but not toxic to native bees; provide pollen and nectar for native bees; doesn't provide much "human" value.
- Foothill Pines are ecological treasures for cavity nesters (soft wood) and Red-Tail Hawks. Fire Dept. recommends not having Foothill Pines near a structure or area of major use. By consensus, the Commission decided that they want Foothill Pines protected.
- Cottonwoods provide nesting for Raptors; they absorb too much water.
- Willows absorb too much water, however, upland willow's live in areas that are not wet. Narrow-leaved willow is very invasive and linear-leaved willow only grows in wetlands. Weeping willows are a problem for irrigation pipes. Goodings, Red, and Shining willows are all native. Willow's can get big (30" dbh) and are fast growing.

The Commission discussed the idea of having separate DBH size for certain protected species (i.e. some trees protected at 6"+, while some protected at 12"+). They also discussed the idea of having a separate row/column for mitigation value of non-oak protected species. By consensus, the Commission decided that they want Redwoods to not be protected. The Commission directed staff to provide them with the current Tree Ordinance with their comments (with rationale explanation), the Park, Recreation & Open Space Committee recommendations, as well as portions that they wish to include from the Town Arborist's draft Tree Ordinance. Commissioner Obranovich suggested that a subcommittee could be very helpful. Subcommittee (Kim Fettke, Jean Wilson, Shawna Martinez, PROSC members?).

A motion to form a subcommittee and continue this item to next month's meeting was made by Commissioner Obranovich and seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

4. GREEN SHEET/PROJECT REVIEW FORM

The Park, Recreation & Open Space Committee has compiled a Project Review Form (Green Sheet) that they wish to use when evaluating certain development project proposals within Town.

RECOMMENDATION: Review proposal, discuss, and make recommendations to forward to the Town Council for their action.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

The Commission discussed possible changes to the Green Sheet/Project Review Form Guidelines and eventually decided to omit the guidelines as proposed by the Park, Recreation & Open Space Committee (PROSC). They wish to have staff utilize the current guidelines that were provided by the Open Space 2 Committee Final Report and touch on Natural Resources, Oak Woodlands, Wetlands, Rock Outcroppings (known as the "Open Space Supplemental Application"). The Commission and staff discussed the parameters for determining what projects will be reviewed by the PROSC. Staff will determine if the PROSC looks at a project depending on the Park, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan, the General Plan, and the Zoning Ordinance. The Commission made amendments to the PROSC Project Recommendations Sheet

Procedures, which will ensure that a project is not held-up for months waiting on the PROSC to review and comment. Suggested a PROSC subcommittee review projects that are sent to the PROSC and report their findings/recommendations to the full PROSC at one of their meetings. The PROSC would then approve formal recommendations to be reviewed by the Commission.

By way of consensus, the Commission directed staff to make the discussed changes and bring back to them at next month's meeting.

5. STANDARD STAFF REPORT OUTLINE/CONDITIONS

Staff uses a draft staff report and set of conditions that has not been reviewed by the Commission in years. Time permitting, staff will bring forward sections of the report and conditions for discussion with the Commission to improve the draft document.

RECOMMENDATION: Begin review of staff report and conditions, discuss and offer suggestions.

PUBLIC COMMENT: *None*

A motion to continue this item to next month's Planning Commission meeting was made by Commissioner Arisman and seconded by Commissioner Obranovich and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURN: 10:32 PM

Janet Thew, Chairperson

Matt Lopez, Planning Department