

LA PINE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010 - 4:00 p.m.
51340 Highway 97, La Pine, Oregon 97739
South County Building Meeting Room

1. Call to Order

Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

2. Establish Quorum

Roll Call

Present Were:

Chair John Thomas
Vice Chair Gloria Fleming
Cmsr Virginia Classen
Cmsr Dennis Davis

Absent Were:

Cmsr Maggard – excused absence due to illness

City Manager Rick Allen was also in attendance.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Thomas.

4. Added Agenda Items

Any matters added to the Agenda at this time will be discussed during the “Other Matters” of this Agenda or such other time selected by the Planning Commission.

12a) Noxious Weeds – Vice Chair Fleming

It was also stated that Deborah McMahon, DMC Consulting Inc., would be updating the Commission on Sign Ordinances during the discussion under item #9.

5. Approval of Minutes

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A motion was made by Vice Chair Fleming and seconded by Commissioner Davis to Approve the Meeting Minutes.

Vote as follows:

	<i>AYE</i>	<i>NAY</i>
<i>Chair John Thomas</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Vice Chair Gloria Fleming</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Commissioner Virginia Classen</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Commissioner Dennis Davis</i>	<i>X</i>	

Motion passed unanimously.

6. Biogreen Additional Text Amendments

John Thomas, Chair

Deborah McMahon stated that an industry like Biogreen needs to have tall stacks. She said that when the Commission reviews the text amendments they need to look at the structure and the stacks. James Lewis stated that by raising the height limit the City could increase the number of businesses that can come into La Pine. He also said that based on the zoning ordinances they could create various zoning codes. City Manager Allen said that a power plant is going to have big stacks.

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7. Update on Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)

John Thomas, Chair

Deborah McMahon, DMC Consulting, Inc.

Deborah McMahon stated that this committee will be examining the cities in Central Oregon and determining where large industrial lots should go, defining an inventory and also exploring where they need to be located for the economy. It was announced that Lee Smith will be the representative from La Pine and Deborah McMahon and James Lewis will be the alternates on the committee.

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8. Grant Update on Land use Ordinances

Deborah McMahon, DMC Consulting, Inc.

Deborah McMahon stated that in order to reduce the number of meetings and receive feedback sooner, it was decided to send out documents via e-mail to the TAC (Technical Advisory Committee). She said that the Technical Advisory Committee consists of agency members from ODOT (Oregon Department of Transportation), Deschutes County, Housing Dept., etc.

Sign Ordinances – Deborah McMahon stated that she would like the Commissioners to review concepts such as impression, time, place and manner regarding sign ordinances and plan to discuss them at a future meeting. City Manager Allen cautioned that sign ordinances can become a very controversial issue and should be handled using a slow process. He also suggested that the Chamber of Commerce could try to educate people regarding sign codes. City Manager Allen stated that in other cities, franchise fees often help out with City lighting needs.

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9. Review of Permits

Deborah McMahon, DMC Consulting, Inc.

Deborah McMahon stated that upon her review of the permits from Deschutes County, there was nothing critical about them. She also discussed the handout passed out to the Commissioners regarding the Bratton Report that tracks the home values throughout Central Oregon.

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10. Discussion on Future Planning Commissioner Training and Membership to the American Planning Association

John Thomas, Chair

Deborah McMahon announced that the Council had given the go ahead for the Commissioners to become members of the American Planning Association. James Lewis said it is a good resource to find out what is happening around the country for comparisons. He also said that the annual conference is held at the University of Oregon in Eugene and there are all day sessions which have a lot of good planning information. Chair Thomas said he will apply online for the American Planning memberships.

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11. Planning Commissioner Reports and Staff Update

Cmsr Classen stated that she attended the Utilities Committee Meeting held on June 17th. She said the committee was created to determine if absorbing the Special Districts is feasible at this point in time. Cmsr Classen stated that the Agreement between the Districts and Biogreen is close to being signed and finalized.

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12. Other Matters

Only those matters properly added to this Agenda under line item No. 4 will be discussed at this time.

12a) Noxious Weeds – Vice Chair Fleming

- Vice Chair Fleming stated that she participated in the weed pull for La Pine that was held in June. She also discussed the noxious weed ordinance that the City of Sisters had implemented.

Chair Thomas stated the need for public input at meetings and Deborah McMahon suggested some advertising strategies to get more public involved especially for the sign ordinance discussions.

13. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda

Councilor McAfee stated that she felt the Commission had a very productive meeting. Councilor Greiner said that he feels he is learning a lot as a member of the Planning Commission.

14. Adjourn

Deborah McMahon asked that the Commissioners do a homework assignment on signs (i.e., take photos of signs, etc.) and bring them back to the next Planning Commission meeting.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Fleming and seconded by Commissioner Classen to Adjourn the Meeting.

<i>Vote as follows:</i>	<i>AYE</i>	<i>NAY</i>
<i>Chair John Thomas</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Vice Chair Gloria Fleming</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Commissioner Virginia Classen</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Commissioner Dennis Davis</i>	<i>X</i>	

Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting at 5:54 pm.



Chair John Thomas

Attest:



City Recorder Luana Damerval