



CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
August 12, 2014, 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Keith Watson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with the introduction of the role and duties of the Planning Commission.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Keith Watson, Harvey Senecal, Brian Weber, Gary Davis, Pam McCain and Sheri Roth
Absent: Jim Kuzaro
Staff: Aaron C. Nix, MPA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Davis, to approve the minutes of the June 29, 2014 meeting as written. Passed 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Davis made a prepared statement in regard to his objection to the Public Hearing Scheduled for the Villages Phase 2 on Monday, the 25th of August at 10:00 am. The Commissioner felt that this meeting should be held in either the evening or weekend in order to better accommodate people wanting to attend the meeting.

CONTINUED WORKSESSION ON DRAFT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

The Chair re-introduced the topic to the Commission. Commissioner Senecal went over his revisions to the document as promised he would at the June 10th Commission meeting. The Commission was hesitant to make significant changes to the Draft Public Participation Plan as offered by the City Attorney. The Commission continued to advocate for an easier document for the Public to review in order to get better participation in the process. It was decided that the handbook would be left alone, as it is a component to the future code changes needed in Chapter 16 of the BDMC, entitled Comprehensive Plan. The Commission agreed that they would like to help simplify this formal document, by creating a user friendly handout that may be utilized by the Public. Commissioner McCain agreed to take a shot at creating a simplified handout for public review, based on the information supplied within the Public Participation Plan.

Based on this discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Roth, to accept the revisions that were made with regard to the Public Participation Plan, subject to City Attorney approval and to move forward with the development of a simplified handout that would describe the public participation process, in layperson terms that would be offered to the Public in order to generate interest in the public participation process.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Director Nix offered some information as it pertained to his background in Community Development as his role has shifted in this direction for the City. A brief update on events transpiring throughout the City was also given, including work on the Villages, Phase 1A and the Community Garden that was built on the Bryant property, next to City Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

Moved by Commissioner McCain seconded by Commissioner Davis, to adjourn. Passed 5-0.
The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: A. Nix, Community Development Director



ATTEST:



Keith Watson, Chairman

Planning Commission Secretary