

MEMBERS	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Bob Beda, Chair	X		
Dusty Szymanski	X		
Erich Ferchau	X		
Stu Ferguson	X		
Carolyn Riggs	X		
Greg Larson	X		
Councilor Ed Seymour	X		

OTHERS PRESENT: Community Development Director Steve Westbay, Planning Technician Pam Cunningham

**I. CALL TO ORDER AT 7:03 PM BY CHAIR BOB BEDA**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**III. CONSIDERATION OF THE SEPTEMBER 28, 2011 MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioner Ferguson moved to approve the September 28, 2011 meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Ferchau seconded the motion.

Roll Call Yes: Dusty, Erich, Stu, Bob, Carolyn, Greg, Ed

Roll Call No:

Roll Call Abstain:

So Carried

**IV. DISCUSSION OF NOVEMBER MEETING SCHEDULE**

Director Westbay stated that City Council requested that the joint meeting with P&Z be held on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Secondly, because Thanksgiving falls the day after the second regularly scheduled meeting, staff recommends that the meeting be held the week prior, on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Discussion then turned to the December schedule. Commissioner Larson moved and Commissioner Ferguson seconded to change the November and December meeting schedules to November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> and December 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

Roll Call Yes: Dusty, Erich, Stu, Bob, Carolyn, Greg, Ed

Roll Call No:

Roll Call Abstain:

So Carried

**V. UNSCHEDULED CITIZENS.** There were none

**VI. COUNCIL UPDATE.** Councilor Seymour updated the Commission on recent Council business:

The Council:

- is going through grants for contracts and service for the budget;
- had a big crowd at the October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, many of whom were from a WSC class;
- heard from staff who is asking for direction on whether or not to close the first two blocks of North Main on the afternoon of Halloween for trick or treating. They heard passionate arguments from the public on both sides. Council was unable to come to consensus, so the City Manager will make the final decision.
- heard from a restaurant in town whose liquor license expired. The license was renewed with conditions;

- passed an ordinance on first reading to amend the *Traffic Code* to make it a violation to park over two hours; and,
- heard about water quality issues and US Energy's water right claims that affect Ohio Creek.

#### VII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- Commissioner Szymanski said that the Natural Building Conference was successful with 70 people in attendance. Director Westbay elaborated on the keynote address.
- Commissioner Ferchau said that the real estate business is fairly busy this time of year;
- Commissioner Ferguson has been helping John Roberts Motor Works get ready for their move and has talked to an individual who is exploring the opportunity of buying the old building;
- Commissioner Riggs said that the Gunnison Arts Center Annual Gala is Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>. She also said that the restaurant business has dropped off since the tourists left.
- Commissioner Larson thanked the Commission for excusing him from the last meeting.

#### VIII. PLANNING STAFF UPDATE.

Director Westbay updated the Commission on recent department activity:

- Staff is working on an update of the *2007 Trails Master Plan* and will expand the plan to address the extension of sidewalks in the community and call it a *Non-Motorized Transportation Plan*.
- The GOCO board announced a River Corridor Grant Cycle with a potential of \$14-\$18 million available. The City has written a Concept Paper for consideration. In December GOCO will announce the candidates to be invited to submit proposal and final selections will be made in January.
- The Bidwell Street vacation final documents are being recorded.
- Work on the VanTuyl Ranch annexation is continuing—a contract has been issued for the Phase I site assessment and adjacent owners will be contacted soon.
- Steve attended the Association of Colorado Flood Plain Managers in Snowmass; he said he appreciated Council's support of staff training.

#### IX. ADJOURN TO WORK SESSION.

Chair Beda adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:28 p.m.

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Bob Beda, Chair

Attest:

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Pam Cunningham, Secretary