

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 7:02 PM BY CHAIR BOB BEDA

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

III. CONSIDERATION OF THE APRIL 25, 2012 MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Larson moved to approve the April 25, 2012 meeting minutes. Commissioner Ferguson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Yes: Dusty, Stu, Bob, Greg

Roll Call No:

Roll Call Abstain: Erich, Carolyn

Motion carried

IV. UNSCHEDULED CITIZENS

There were none

V. COUNCIL UPDATE

Councilor Seymour wasn't present so Director Westbay updated the Commission on the May 8th City Council meeting. The Council:

- held a public meeting on the Sign Code Text Amendment;
- took action to approve an agreement with GVAWL for construction of a new animal clinic;
- passed a resolution commending Nicholas Castleberry-Edwards, the WSC student liaison;
- discussed the situation for conflicts of interest in relation to the *Sign Code*;
- swore in the new City Attorney, Kathy Fogo; and
- went into executive session to discuss real estate.

VI. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- Councilor Riggs said she would like to see the notes of the City Council public hearing. Commissioner Ferchau said that only he and Rick Miller commented. He said that Mr. Miller presented the same arguments that he presented to P&Z, only in less detail. Commissioner Ferchau said [as a Commissioner] his comments were regarding recusal and, as a citizen, his comments were to encourage Council to be more business friendly and recognize that all businesses are different in how they are run and [the City] needs to acknowledge and respect that every business does what they can to draw attention to business and that signage is not negative for the community.
- Chair Beda said there was an on-line story about a young man that paid \$300 for 24 hours of advertising on an electronic billboard and was offered a \$65,000 job.

- Commissioner Ferchau said he had a conversation with Richard Karas after the City Council meeting about political differences and dealing with the issues in town and how to get beyond the political element. He posed the following: “How do we get our heads around the problems? There seem to be a number of things that aren’t doing well that are fundamental. Once we acknowledge what is political and what is fundamental, there is productivity in those conversations. It is important for each of us as we go about our lives to try to find a way to acknowledge political differences. The solutions may be vastly different because of political differences but there is still a problem that needs to be addressed.” He gave examples of the college, the hospital, the ski area, and Main Street.

VII. PLANNING STAFF UPDATE

Director Westbay updated the Commission on recent activity in the Community Development Office:

- staff has been working with an engineering firm on field work and design parameters for the Discovery Center ISDS;
- there are two Conditional Use applications on the agenda for the next meeting;
- staff is reviewing parcels that were created from the original Palisades subdivision as well as County Assessor’s mapping data and tax records regarding “no man’s” land that resulted as part of the subdivision and a quit claim deed to give the City title to this property that is adjacent to the right-of-way and Char-Mar park; and,
- staff will be working with City Council to write an appeal to FEMA regarding a new set of maps and flood administration reports that contain erroneous information.

Director Westbay said that Stage 1 fire restrictions will be put in place on May 21st. This will be a coordinated effort of the Gunnison Basin Fire Council. Stage 1 restrictions limit camp fires to organized camp grounds.

VIII. ADJOURN. Chair Beda adjourned the meeting at 7:17.

Attest:

Bob Beda, Chair

Pam Cunningham, Secretary