

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
YREKA PLANNING COMMISSION HELD IN  
THE YREKA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER IN SAID CITY  
ON THE 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2007

On the 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 2007, at 7:30 p.m., the Planning Commission of the City of Yreka met in the City Council Chamber in said city in regular session. The meeting was called to order by Chair Rolzinski and present were:

Commissioners:           Peggy Amaral  
                                  Rollie Elsea  
                                  Mark McAllister  
                                  Richard Rolzinski  
                                  Joe Schettino

Absent:                     Diane Knitter  
                                  Judi Rowland

**MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION – STORMWATER ATTENUATION AND  
FLOODPLAIN RESTORATION PROJECT**

**CITY OF YREKA**

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The Commission reviewed the environmental review for a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Stormwater Attenuation and Floodplain Restoration project consisting of installation of stormdrain detention basins, installation of stormdrain pipe, excavation of Greenhorn Reservoir, Yreka Creek floodplain restoration – northern portion, Yreka Creek floodplain restoration – southern portion, and Greenhorn Creek floodplain restoration.

This being the time and date set for a public hearing for an environmental review for a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Stormwater Attenuation and Floodplain Restoration project consisting of installation of stormdrain detention basins, installation of stormdrain pipe, excavation of Greenhorn Reservoir, Yreka Creek floodplain restoration – northern portion, Yreka Creek floodplain restoration – southern portion, and Greenhorn Creek floodplain restoration located within the City of Yreka, Chair Rolzinski opened the hearing to the public.

Staff reported that the Planning Commission cannot approve the Mitigated Negative Declaration at this time because the public comment period for this project ends on April 30, 2007. Staff requested that the Planning Commission recommend that the City Council approve a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Stormwater Attenuation and Floodplain Restoration project conditioned on addressing any public comments received before adoption.

Jeanette Hook, Public Works Administrative Assistant, gave a presentation on the proposed project elements at 7 individual work sites she explained the multiple grant opportunities and the short time frame for project completion. She reported that to date one letter of comment was received from National Marine Fisheries Service with minor comments that will be incorporated into the final document.

Tuli Potts representative of Pacific Municipal Consultants, the company preparing the environmental document, was available for questions.

There being no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed and discussion was open to the Commission.

Following Commission discussion, Commissioner McAllister made a motion to recommend that the City Council approve a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Stormwater Attenuation and Floodplain Restoration project consisting of installation of stormdrain detention basins, installation of stormdrain pipe, excavation of Greenhorn Reservoir, Yreka Creek floodplain restoration – northern portion, Yreka Creek floodplain restoration – southern portion, and Greenhorn Creek floodplain restoration conditioned on addressing any public comments received before adoption.

Commissioner Schettino seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Amaral, Elsea, McAllister, Rolzinski, Schettino  
NOES: None

**SIGN USE PERMIT – COMMERCIAL CENTER IDENTIFICATION  
THE SIGN SHOP – 1217 S. MAIN ST.**

**APPROVED**

The Commission reviewed the application submitted for The Sign Shop by Thomas Plumb for a sign use permit to replace the existing 34 ½ sq. ft. pole sign with a 50 sq. ft. per side commercial center identification pole sign which includes tenant directional signs, the existing height of 12'4" will remain the same on the property located at 1217 S. Main Street.

This being the time and date set for a public hearing on an application for a sign use permit for a commercial center identification sign on the property located at 1217 S. Main Street, Chair Rolzinski opened the hearing to the public.

Staff reported the Technical Committee recommended approval.

It was recommended by staff to process the application as exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 150311(a)(On Premises Signs) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Yreka Municipal Code Section 13.56.030.A.2 allows the Planning Commission to authorize signs up to one hundred square feet (counting both sides) on parcels with front footage of

greater than one hundred feet identifying the center together with the businesses located on the parcel.

The subject property has a front footage of 102 feet and the total square footage of the sign does not exceed 100 square feet and is therefore in compliance with Chapter 13.56.030.A.2 of the Yreka Municipal Code.

Applicant, Thomas Plumb, was in attendance to answer questions regarding the signage.

There being no additional comments from the public, the public hearing was closed and discussion was opened to the Commission.

Following Commission discussion, Commissioner Elsea made a motion to approve the application for a sign use permit to replace the existing 34 ½ sq. ft. pole sign with a 50 sq. ft. per side commercial center identification pole sign which includes tenant directional signs, the existing height of 12'4" will remain the same. Copy to read "Silverado Business Center..." on the property located at 1217 S. Main, Assessor's Parcel No. 61-351-040, CH zone, GC General Plan designation, with the determination that the project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 150311(a)(On Premises Signs) of the CEQA Guidelines. The approval is based on the Technical Committee's recommendation and subject to full compliance with all applicable city, state, and federal laws and regulations and the following findings and conditions of approval:

#### FINDINGS:

1. The installation of a commercial center identification pole sign which includes tenant directional signs as provided in the application will not:
  - a. be contrary to the public's interest, safety, health, and welfare because it is in compliance with the regulations provided in Chapter 13.56 of the Yreka Municipal Code.
  - b. be detrimental to property or improvements in the neighborhood because the proposed sign is in compliance with the size limits provided in Chapter 13.56 of the Yreka Municipal Code.
2. The subject property has a front footage of 102 feet and the total square footage of the sign does not exceed 100 square feet and is therefore in compliance with Chapter 13.56.030.A.2 of the Yreka Municipal Code.

#### CONDITIONS:

1. The sign approved shall comply with the specifications and plans approved by the Planning Commission on April 18, 2007, and shall serve only to identify the business

carried on said premises.

2. The sign shall be erected in accordance with the specifications and plans submitted by Thomas Plumb and approved by the Planning Commission on April 18, 2007, and shall not be deviated from without the prior review and approval of the Planning Director.
3. The sign shall harmonize with the materials, textures, sizes, shapes, heights, locations, and design of the buildings, properties, or neighborhood of which they are a part, and as approved by the Planning Commission.
4. The sign shall be removed within thirty days after the business closes and is no longer in operation on the property upon which the sign is located.
5. The sign use permit shall be automatically revoked and terminated if not used within one year from date of approval.

Commissioner Amaral seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Amaral, Elsea, McAllister, Rolzinski, Schettino  
 NOES: None

#### **AUDIENCE STATEMENTS & COMMENTS**

None.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 21, 2007 MEETING**

The Commission, having received a copy of the minutes of the regular meeting held March 21, 2007 the minutes were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Amaral and seconded by Commissioner Elsea.

#### **PERMIT FOR DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS IN CITY LIMITS ROTARY CLUB OF YREKA – SOUTH OF WESTSIDE ROAD APPROVED**

The Commission reviewed the application for exception for discharge of firearms under Section 9.06.040 regarding Re-enactors of the American Civil War event from May 17, 2007 through May 20, 2007 allowing discharge of fire arms within the City limits of Yreka for the special event on the property located in the vacant field south of Westside Road. None of the weapons used in the event will use projectiles, only caps and powder. The Rotary Club is initiating outreach and information for neighboring property owners. There will be an internal safety officer on site.

Following Commission discussion, Commissioner Amaral made a motion to approve the following resolution finding that granting a permit for the discharge of firearms within the

City Limits allowing an exception for discharge of fire arms under Section 9.06.040 regarding Re-enactors of the American Civil War event from May 17, 2007 through May 20, 2007 allowing discharge of fire arms within the City limits of Yreka for the special event on the property located in the vacant field south of Westside Road as presented, Assessor's Parcel Nos.:62-191-110, 62-211-020, and 62-211-080, CH, R-1, R-2 and RA zoning.

RESOLUTION NO. PC-27

RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF YREKA  
GRANTING PERMIT FOR THE DISCHARGE  
OF FIREARMS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS

WHEREAS, Yreka Municipal Code, Section 9.06.040 provides that any person may file an application with the city planning commission for a permit to discharge a firearm within the city and said permit shall be issued by the planning commission at such time as the applicant gives evidence of the following:

- (a) That the discharge of the firearm or *firearms* involved is not for unlawful purpose;
- (b) That reasonable precautions have been taken by the applicant to prevent injury to persons or property from the discharge of said *firearms*; and,

WHEREAS, the Yreka Rotary Club and the Re-enactors of the American Civil War "RACW", ("event sponsors") desires to sponsor a gate fee event with the RACW during the weekend of May 17-20, 2007, at a site on private property which is South of Westside Road. The property is within the City limits. The owners of the Property are Mike Newton and Albert Newton, and the property owners have agreed to the use of the property for this purpose. The property is zoned R-2 and R-1.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has determined from the application of the event sponsors that reasonable precautions have been taken by the applicant to prevent injury to persons or property from the discharge of said firearms; and,

Whereas, pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 15061(b)(3) that this action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in that it is not a Project which has the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PLANNING COMMISSION DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Commission hereby finds and determines that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and the event sponsors are granted a permit for the discharge of firearms within the City limits on May 17, 2007, through May 20, 2007.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

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Passed and adopted this 18th day of April, 2007, by the following vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

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Richard Rolzinski,  
Commission Chairperson

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Mary Frances McHugh,  
City Attorney

Attest:\_\_\_\_\_  
Pam Hayden,  
Deputy City Clerk

Commissioner McAllister seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Elsea, Knitter, McAllister, Rolzinski, Schettino

NOES: None

### **COMMISSIONER'S STATEMENTS & COMMENTS**

Chair Rolzinski expressed gratitude for City Councils support of the Commissions attendance at the Planners Institute. It was again a very good conference.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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Pamela J. Hayden, Planning Director