
**CITY OF BIG BEAR LAKE
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

June 3, 2015

CALL TO ORDER 1:15 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE Commissioner Breunig led the salute.

ROLL CALL Commissioners Breunig, Pacelli, Senft, and Chairman Smith. Vice-Chairman Bush was excused.

STAFF PRESENT James J. Miller, Community Development Director; City Planner, Janice Etter.

AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved by a voice vote.

PRESENTATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Community Development Director James Miller advised the Commission that there will be a regularly scheduled meeting on June 17, 2015, but the July 1, 2015, meeting will be cancelled. Commissioner Senft advised the Commission that he will be out of town the month of July.

PUBLIC FORUM

None

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

1.1 Approval of the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of May 20, 2015.

Chairman Smith abstained from the vote on the minutes due to absence from that meeting.

The consent calendar was approved with a voice vote.

2. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

2.1 Major Special Event 2015-017/MSE

Planner: Janice Etter

Location: 140-170 Business Center Drive

APN: 2328-021-08 to 14 and 2328-091-18

Applicant: Open Air Big Bear

Representative: Tom Spiegel

The applicant is requesting approval to hold second annual North Shore Half Marathon road running race. This race is proposed on Saturday, October 3, 2015, beginning and ending on Business Center Drive. The event consists of a Half Marathon (13.1 mile), a 10K (6.2 mile) and a 5K (3.1 mile) road running race along Sandalwood Drive, through the Eagle Knoll Subdivision, along Stanfield Cutoff and North Shore Drive/State Route 38. Business Center Drive, a portion of Sandalwood Drive and the eastbound lane of State Route 38 from the West Boat Launch Ramp to Stanfield Cutoff will be closed to vehicles from approximately 6:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. for the races. Approximately 500 participants are expected. Business Center Drive is located west of Sandalwood Drive.

City Planner, Janice Etter, gave the report and presentation, noting the green sheet handout with correspondence from residents of Fawnskin.

Public hearing was opened at 1:30 p.m.

Thomas Brandau, resident of Fawnskin, raised concerns about closing one lane of traffic through Fawnskin. Noted that he was not opposed to the event. Suggested using a follow car to allow traffic flow both ways. Mr. Brandau also asked if large trucks could be prohibited during the race.

Carol Lorimor and Patricia Berger, both residents of Fawnskin, spoke regarding the inconvenience caused by closing a lane of traffic through Fawnskin.

Dave Emig, representative. Spoke about the event and the reasons for the course route. Mr. Emig said that he has been trying to notify the business owners. He believes that the west boat launch will be available during the race.

Commissioner Pacelli asked if he would consider the use of a follow-car. Mr. Emig indicated that he would consider that and he is also working with the Public Works Department to have the cones picked up as soon as racers are done on the course.

Commissioner Senft inquired about re-routing large trucks and some issues from last year. Mr. Miller responded that Cal-Trans may have determined this area as a truck route, but perhaps the CHP could re-route them. Commissioner Pacelli suggested that the message boards make drivers aware from down the hill. Mr. Emig took responsibility for CHP leaving before the race was complete last year and has already addressed it for this year's event. Mr. Emig also noted that there will be parking for spectators.

Public hearing closed at 1:44 p.m.

Chair Smith thanked the residents of Fawnskin for coming to the meeting and speaking and added that the Bear Valley as a whole relies on tourist events for our economy.

Commissioner Senft commended the applicant on the use of Business Center Drive.

Commissioner Senft moved to adopt Resolution 2015-09, finding the project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and approving Major Special Event application 2015-017/MSE based on the findings and subject to the conditions of approval contained in the attached Resolution. Commissioner Senft also suggested that the applicant follow-up on the ideas given for traffic easing/mitigation (not a condition). Commissioner Pacelli seconded the motion, which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Breunig, Pacelli, Senft, Smith
NOES: None
ABSENT: Bush
ABSTAIN: None

3. **PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Mr. Miller advised the Commission that the concerned parties involved in the Development Code Amendment regarding ancillary uses for commercial lodges and bed and breakfast establishments have been notified that the City Council will review the request on June 8, 2015. He also noted that the Rathbun Creek Sustainability Plan should be coming to the Commission for review of the complete project in September.
4. **SUMMARY COMMENTS** – None
5. **ADJOURNMENT** At the hour of 1:51 p.m., Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting.

MINUTES APPROVED AT THE MEETING OF JUNE 17, 2015.



Becky Romine, Commission Secretary