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

April 5, 2017

CALL TO ORDER 1:15 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE Commissioner Breunig led the salute.

ROLL CALL Commissioners Breunig, Senft, Tholen, Vice-Chairman Bush, and Chairman Smith were present.

STAFF PRESENT Jim Miller, Community Development Director, and Robert Dalquest, Planning Director.

AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved by a unanimous vote.

PRESENTATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Planning Director Robert Dalquest announced that there will not be a meeting on April 19, 2017, noting the next meeting will be on May 3, 2017.

Presentation and direction on whether to accept and process an application for a first-time Major Special Event identified as the Lost Highway Festival which concerns a three-day motorcycle show and concert to be held at Snow Summit with proposed dates of Friday, September 15, 2017, to Sunday, September 17, 2017, and an approximate attendance of 10,000 to 15,000 people. Mr. Dalquest introduced John Oakes, the presenter, and noted that Scott Evans from the Forest Service was here to accept any questions to take back to the Forest Service.

Mr. Oakes gave the presentation explaining the event and how it was done previously. He spoke about community communication about the event. Security is handled by a third party bonded security team, working with local police. Marketing on local (Southern California) radio stations, featured in national magazines, and advertised online.

Dave Lichens, President of the resort, spoke about the use of the resort in the off season.

Chair Smith inquired about the move from their previous location. Mr. Oakes stated that they are looking for an area where the venue is located more centrally to housing and entertainment options. Commissioner Breunig asked about people camping on site. Mr. Oakes indicated that they would prefer to move people into the rental homes/motels, with a possible few using the existing campgrounds in the Valley. Commissioner Breunig suggested capping the number of people that are proposed to camp on-site. Mr. Lichens clarified that no camping is allowed on-site at the resort.

Commissioner Breunig inquired about the ticket sales and what the ticket allows you to do, and whether there is a cap on ticket sales. Mr. Oakes said the tickets are basically general admission with "tiers" of perks for the different events based on what you pay, with a discount program for locals. He added that they would work with the Fire Department for occupancy loads and that all amplified music would

end by 10:00 p.m. Commissioner Senft raised a concern about noise after 10:00 p.m. Mr. Oakes noted that the music would end at 9:45 p.m.

Commissioner Senft questioned any issues in the past years of the event. Mr. Oakes said it was 117°F last year when it was held at Glen Helen Regional Park in San Bernardino and that safety/crowd control was always a priority. Commissioner Senft voiced concern about spectator safety at the flat track event. Mr. Oakes noted laws that govern this type of activity. Commissioner Senft asked whether there would be any other events at the Resort during this event. Mr. Lichens responded, saying that Resort operations would be closed for the entire weekend and they will publicize that as much as possible to prevent any inconveniences to visitors.

Commissioner Senft asked if the alcohol sales would be covered under the Resort's current Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) license. Mr. Lichens said they would be working with ABC to be sure they have all correct licensing.

Commissioner Senft also asked about setting a capacity limit for the campground areas. Mr. Oakes reiterated that they are not going to be suggesting that people camp. Commissioner Senft suggested that there be quiet zones and defined travel routes throughout the City. Shuttle service between the venue and locations where people are staying was discussed. Commissioner Senft noted that the application calls for clean-up all day on Monday, September 18th. Mr. Lichens commented that they wanted to clean it very well. Commissioner Senft suggested hiring neighborhood patrols for on-going clean-up.

Chairman Smith voiced concern about parking. Mr. Lichens noted that they will have the full use of both ski Resorts and some off-site locations.

The Commission discussed the event and concerns. Mr. Lichens stated that they would not have partnered with the event if they felt it wouldn't be good for the community. Vice-Chairman Bush said that the noise of the motorcycles in the City, particularly the Village, is a concern regardless of the event. Chairman Smith asked about smoking spectators/participants. Mr. Lichens said that the same rules apply to any event during the off-season. Commissioner Senft questioned the hours of the flat track activity and number of participants. Mr. Oakes said it is daytime only and includes 8-12 motorcycles per race. Commissioner Breunig noted that the purpose of the presentation was to make a determination to direct Staff to accept and process the application. Chairman Smith stated that there are multiple areas of concerns that have to be answered before they can make that determination. Commissioner Tholen suggested that the applicant be given a list of those concerns.

Charlie Brewster spoke on behalf of the TBID committee, saying that the event met their program guidelines, but would like to see some sort of shuttle program in place to decrease the amount of motorcycles traveling through town, particularly at night.

Vice-Chairman Bush said she was comfortable with staff review and collection of items of concern to return to the Planning Commission for a future Public Hearing item. Secretary Romine clarified that the motion is to direct Staff to accept and process the application with the need for the applicant to work with Staff on addressing the Commission's list of concerns prior to it returning to the Commission as a Public Hearing item. Vice-Chairman Bush indicated that was correct. Commissioner Breunig seconded the motion, which carried with the following vote:

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

PUBLIC FORUM

None

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1.1 Approval of the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of March 15, 2017. Minutes were approved. Chairman Smith abstained from the vote due to absence at that meeting.

2. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

- 2.1 Specific Plan Amendment (Development Code Amendment) 2016-140/DCA
Planner: James Miller

Location: Citywide
APN: N/A
Applicant: City of Big Bear Lake

Consideration of a recommendation to the City Council to amend Section V.E.1(f) (Permitted Uses by District Chart) of the Village Specific Plan pertaining to "incidental manufacturing" and excluding food and beverage producers and similar food and beverage establishments from this land use classification.

Mr. Miller gave the report and presentation.

Vice-Chairman Bush asked to clarify if this is still incidental to retail. Mr. Miller said yes, it is.

Public hearing opened at 2:51 p.m. Charlie Brewster spoke, asking that the hearing be postponed to allow discussion with merchants. He also stated that he has some questions about delivery trucks. Chairman Smith noted that he had heard from Linda Ricchuiti, President of the Village Business Association, regarding the concern about allowing the merchants to discuss the proposal.

Chairman Smith moved to continue the Public Hearing to the May 3, 2017, Planning Commission meeting to allow staff to meet with the Village Business Association. Commissioner Tholen seconded the motion.

Commissioner Breunig confirmed with Mr. Miller that this proposal doesn't change any conditions of approval for any of the existing businesses in the Village.

3. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT - None**4. SUMMARY COMMENTS - None****5. ADJOURNMENT At the hour of 2:57 p.m., Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting.**

MINUTES APPROVED AT THE MEETING OF MAY 3, 2017.


Becky Romine, Commission Secretary