
CITY OF BIG BEAR LAKE
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

December 20, 2017

CALL TO ORDER 1:15 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE Commissioner Senft led the salute.

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

STAFF PRESENT Robert Dalquest, Planning Director; Janice Etter, Senior Principal Planner.

AGENDA APPROVAL

The Commission approved the agenda with a unanimous vote.

PRESENTATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Robert Dalquest informed the Commission that there will not be a meeting on January 3, 2018 – the next meeting will be January 17, 2018. He also noted that City Hall will be closed December 25-26, 2017, and January 1-2, 2018.

PUBLIC FORUM

Opened 1:17 p.m. No one spoke – closed 1:17 p.m.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1.1 Approval of the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of November 15, 2017.
- 1.2 Review the Post Event Summary Reports that have been received for the 2017 Major Special Events for the Spartan Race and the Turkey Trot.

The Commission discussed the summary reports. Commissioner Senft complimented staff on the Spartan Race, saying that expectations were not only met, but exceeded. Commissioner Tholen inquired whether the Resource Office would provide an economic impact statement. Ms. Etter said she would check.

Consent calendar was approved by a unanimous vote.

2. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

- 2.1 Major Special Event – 2017-164/MSE Planner: Janice Etter

Location: 40870 Big Bear Boulevard & 40946 Big Bear Boulevard
APN: 0308-151-55, 309-011-29, 309-011-30
Applicant: Special Olympics of Southern California Inland Empire
Representative: Abbey Leffler

The applicant is requesting approval to hold the annual “Polar Plunge”, a fundraiser for the Southern California Special Olympics, on March 3, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Veterans’ Park.

Janice Etter gave the report and presentation, noting that Nick Bruinsma from the Fire Department is here representing the applicant.

Public Hearing opened 1:27 p.m.

Nick Bruinsma spoke in favor of the event. Commissioner Senft asked about lessons learned from previous year and whether anything needed to be added for this year since last year was a different location. Mr. Bruinsma said last year's event ran flawlessly and there was nothing that needed to be added or changed. Commissioner Tholen said it was a great event but cautioned about the easy-up canopies blowing away.

Public hearing closed 1:30

Commissioner Senft asked to clarify whether changing back to its original site (Swim Beach) would require the applicant to come back to the Commission. Ms. Etter stated that it would. Mr. Bruinsma acknowledged that they have no plans to change the location again.

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission hold a public hearing and adopt the attached Resolution No. PC2017-XX finding the project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and approving Major Special Event application 2017-164 based on the findings and subject to the conditions of approval contained in the attached Resolution. Commissioner Breunig seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

3. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM

4. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Dalquest gave the Commission an update on the parking for Snow Summit Resort, advising them that Summit Boulevard has been striped and there will be a "test-run" of the plan on December 26, 2017, through January 2, 2018.

5. SUMMARY COMMENTS

6. ADJOURNMENT At the hour of 1:35 p.m., Chairman Bush adjourned the meeting.

MINUTES APPROVED AT THE MEETING OF JANUARY 17, 2018.



Becky Romine, Commission Secretary