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

June 28, 2017

CALL TO ORDER 1:15 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE Commissioner Senft led the salute.

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

STAFF PRESENT Robert Dalquest, Planning Director; Janice Etter, Senior Principal Planner; and Nathan Castillo, Associate Planner.

AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved by a unanimous vote.

PRESENTATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Presentation and direction on whether to accept and process an application for a first-time Major Special Event identified as the Spartan Race athletic competition weekend on October 28 and 29, 2017, known as the 2017 SoCal Spartan Race Beast and Sprint Weekend, at Bear Mountain Ski Resort, 43101 Goldmine Drive, APN Nos. 310-951-05 & 52.

Applicant – Spartan Race, Inc., Boston, MA

Representative – Seamus Queally

Janice Etter, Senior Principal Planner, introduced the proposed event and representatives, noting an anticipated 8,000 people in attendance over the weekend.

Representatives Lincoln Baker, Laura Dushay, and Noah Hawkins explained that the west team has thirteen events across various states. Spartan races started in 2010 and includes all ages from around the world. The event is self-sustaining and has detailed contingency plans for each location.

Commissioner Tholen said he is excited about the event but voiced concern about parking and noise issues that affect nearby neighbors. Commissioner Senft asked how close to residents the events in Lake Elsinore and Vale were. Mr. Baker said that he would agree that the venue in Big Bear Lake would be closer to residents, but noted that he has been made aware of these issues.

Commissioner Senft stated that the event closing had to be completed by 10:00 p.m. and asked about the use of shuttles.

Wade Reeser from Bear Mountain spoke. He said the applicant is looking at the property to determine the course layout and working with the Forest Service to include their property. All parking will be handled through their existing parking spaces. Mr. Reeser also wanted to clarify that each event has a number of attendees, but then they leave and the next event group comes in.

Chairman Smith asked where this event falls on the applicant's yearly calendar. Mr. Baker indicated it is toward the end of their calendar year. Commissioner Smith inquired about noise levels. Mr. Baker said the course is closing at 9:00 p.m. and they will direct the DJ to keep the volume down.

Chairman Smith said he believes this is a perfect event for the mountain.

Commissioner Tholen moved to accept and process the application. Commissioner Senft seconded the motion, which carried with the following vote:

Ayes: Bush, Senft, Smith, Tholen
Noes: None
Absent: Breunig
Abstain: None

PUBLIC FORUM

None

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

1.1 Approval of the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of June 7, 2017.

Commissioner Senft abstained from the vote on item 1.1 due to absence. Commissioner Tholen moved to accept the consent calendar. Vice-Chairman Bush seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

2.1 Minor Subdivision/Tentative Parcel Map – 2017-018/TPM19668 Planner: Nathan Castillo

Location: 39821 Forest Rd.
APN: 307-045-33
Applicant: Jeff Schindler (applicant)/ David & Naomi Sobo (property owners)
Representative: Minor Smith

Request to subdivide a 1.2 acre property into two parcels, Parcel 1 – 0.9 acres (41,173 sq. ft.) and Parcel 2 – 0.3 acres (14,012 sq. ft.).

Mr. Castillo gave the presentation and staff report, highlighting the previously amended language and amended modifications.

Commissioner Senft asked if any request for tree removal would be coming back to the Planning Commission for review. Mr. Castillo answered that tree removal requests are handled by staff over the counter.

Public Hearing opened at 1:50 p.m. No one requested to speak, however, it was noted that two letters had been received and responded to after the Commissioners received their packets in a green sheet memo. The Public Hearing was closed at 1:50 p.m.

Commissioner Tholen moved to adopt the attached Resolution finding the project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and approving Minor Subdivision application 2017-018, and Tentative Parcel Map No. 19668, based on the findings and

subject to the conditions of approval contained in the Resolution. Commissioner Senft seconded the motion, which carried with the following vote:

Ayes: Bush, Senft, Smith, Tholen
Noes: None
Absent: Breunig
Abstain: None

3. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

4. SUMMARY COMMENTS

Commissioner Senft noted that he is pleased with the filling in of events for the fall season.

Vice-Chairman Bush inquired about the road work currently underway. Chairman Smith stated that the Southwest Gas project is supposed to be done by July 1, 2017, and the street resurfacing project will start on July 5, 2017. He also said that there will be no road work in progress over the 4th of July extended weekend.

5. ADJOURNMENT At the hour of 1:53 p.m., Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting.

MINUTES APPROVED AT THE MEETING OF AUGUST 2, 2017.



Becky Romine, Commission Secretary