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

February 4, 2015

CALL TO ORDER 1:15 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE Commissioner Senft.

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

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved by a voice vote.

PRESENTATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Community Development Director Jim Miller told the Commission that the next meeting will be on February 18, 2015. The consultants for the Rathbun Corridor Sustainability Plan will host a community meeting on February 17 at 6:30 p.m. and will update the Commission at their February 18, 2015, Planning Commission meeting. There may also be an update presentation regarding the Zoo at that meeting. Mr. Miller noted that the March 4, 2015, Planning Commission meeting has been cancelled as it coincides with the annual Planning Commissioner Academy.

PUBLIC FORUM

None

1. CONSENT CALENDAR

1.1 Approval of the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of December 17, 2014.

Commissioner Senft and Vice-Chairman Bush abstained from the vote due to absence from that meeting.

1.2 Approval of the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of January 21, 2015.

Commissioner Breunig abstained from the vote due to absence from that meeting.

- 1.3 Major Special Event 2014-121/MSE – Bartlett Road Public Parking Lot and a portion of Cottage Lane – Old Miner’s Association – “Chili Cook-Off”

The consent calendar was approved with a voice vote.

2. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

- 2.1 Major Special Event – 2014-122/MSE Planner: Janice Etter
Location: Village Streets
APN: N/A
Applicant: Old Miner’s Association
Representative: Mike Copley

The applicant is requesting approval to hold the Big Bear Heritage Parade on Saturday, June 13, 2015. The applicant is requesting to close portions of Knickerbocker Road, Pedder Road, Stone Road, Pine Knot Avenue, and Village Drive. Staging will be on Village Drive and Bonanza Trail, including the Elk’s Lodge parking lot. The parade will start on Village Drive and Bonanza Trail and end on Pine Knot Avenue and Stone Road. De-staging will be on Knickerbocker and Stone Roads, including the Presbyterian Church parking lot.

Janice Etter, City Planner, gave the report and presentation.

Vice-Chairman Bush asked if there had been any complaints or comments received regarding last year’s event. Ms. Etter said there have been none.

The public hearing was opened at 1:33 p.m.

Mike Copley, representative, spoke in favor of the event. He said that they believe that going in a downhill direction will aid in the flow of the parade. This year’s theme is “Prospecting for Gold in Our Community”.

The Commission discussed ideas for improvement, including local participation, street closure procedures, and flow. Mr. Copley addressed the concerns.

Commissioner Breunig asked if the street will be closed at Paine Road and Village Drive. Ms. Etter explained that Public Works has requested that the intersection remain open until the start of the parade, with staging off-street. Mr. Copley noted that the streets will remain open until just before the start of the parade at 10:00 a.m.

Public hearing closed at 1:43 p.m.

Commissioner Pacelli asked that Commissioner Breunig speak about concerns that affect the merchants, since he has a business in the Village. Commissioner Breunig said that the merchants’ concerns were in regards to the number of times the Village is closed for events, but noted that the Parade being held in mid-June does meet several of

those concerns. Chairman Smith commented that the applicant has met the Commission's request to host the parade earlier.

Commissioner Senft moved to adopt the attached Resolution No. 2015-02 finding the project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and approving the Major Special Event 2014-122/MSE based on the findings and subject to the conditions of approval contained in attached Resolution. Chairman Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

Mr. Copley thanked the Commission for their help and cooperation.

3. **PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – None
4. **SUMMARY COMMENTS** – None
5. **ADJOURNMENT** At the hour of 1:50 p.m., Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting.

MINUTES APPROVED AT THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 18, 2015.



Becky Romine, Commission Secretary