

Grand County Planning Commission Minutes

November 10, 2010

A regular meeting of the Grand County Planning Commission convened on the above date at 6:00 PM in the Grand County Courthouse.

Members Present: Chair Kalen Jones, Dave Stolfa, Ed Bridges, Mike Duncan, Pam Hackley, Dave Tubbs and Dave Cozzens.

Staff Present: County staff Krissie Killoy, Mary Hofhine, Mark Wright. Council Liaison Gene Ciarus was attending UAC annual conference.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM stated that there was no need to introduce members and staff since all in attendance knew each other. The Chair asked that cell phones be turned off and then asked the Commission if there were any conflicts of interest or ex-parte that needed to be declared -there were none.

Workshop Items

General Plan Process and Schedule - Gabe Preston from RPI was called to update the Planning Commission on the progress of the General Plan, including the working group meetings, dates of the next meetings, and progress of the draft. Gabe invited the members to the working group meetings and expressed that if there are questions to please call him.

Continued discussion of Solar Regulations – Staff provided the state enabling regulation, Planning Commission discussed the following:

- Solar easements,
- Clear definitions of the use,
- Glare,
- Location, setbacks, and maximum height,
- Safety aspects, and
- Rocky Mountain Power.

The Commission directed staff to provide ordinances from other jurisdictions for reference.

Discussion - Accessory Structure Amendment - Staff provided a draft amendment of the current accessory structure ordinance. Suggested changes included:

- Setbacks,
- Limiting accessory structures by combined square footage rather than by number,
- Exceptions for agriculture buildings (barns, coops, and corrals).

Discussion:

- Height of accessory structures and the effect on neighbors,
- Solar panels height and the glare effect on neighbors,
- If agricultural buildings are exempt how are they monitored for setbacks?
- These concerns are **exaggerated** on the smaller lots.

Commission directed staff to continue to work on the ordinance and bring it back with discussed changes.

Approval of Minutes – October 13, 2010 minutes were accepted as written.

Community Development Update – Staff reminded the Planning Commission about upcoming General Plan Working Group meetings.

County Council Update – **Gene Ciarus was not in attendance.**

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.