

Grand County Planning Commission

January 27, 2020

A regular meeting of the Grand County Planning Commission convened on the above date at the Grand County Courthouse, 125 E. Center St., Moab, UT 84532

Members Present: Chair Abby Scott, Vice-Chair Emily Campbell, Bryon Walston, Rachel Nelson, Robert O'Brien, & Kevin Walker (phone).

Members Absent: Gerrish Willis

Staff Present: Zacharia Levine, Kenny Gordon, & Mila Dunbar-Irwin

Council Liaison: Curtis Wells (substituting for Jaylyn Hawks)

Approval of Minutes: None

Citizens to be heard: None

Ex Parte Communication: None.

Action Items: None.

Discussion Items:

Michael Skarda (audio 1:35):

Applicant Michael Skarda present and request for input from the Planning Commission. Commissioner Campbell viewshed and layout of land. Mr. Skarda willing to work on the viewshed. Zacharia Levine expounds on Planning Commission's role and what the applicant is proposing. Unsure of what exactly the applicant is proposing. One suggestion was to subdivide the lot and zone appropriately to meet desired plan. Resort Commercial designation could accommodate both desired uses. Commissioner Walker is reluctant to do anything with this area until after there is a plan for this area.

Andy Fasig & Mike Toomey (audio 29:44):

Sky retreat at West Water. Mike Toomey, owner, presents scope of project and seeks input from Planning Commission. Off grid, self-contained accommodations. Near the West Water area, approximately one hour and twenty minutes from Moab. 10 – 12 cabins, community area, observation area and other infrastructure and parking. Compliant with the dark sky's ordinance and gray water for site. Commissioner Campbell only concern might be is applying the HDHO to the entire parcel. Mr. Toomey is open to the idea. Commissioner Walker seems like a reasonable proposal. Commissioner O'Brien agrees with Commissioner Walker.

Review Bylaws (audio 49:55):

Commissioner O'Brien grammar suggestion. Commissioner Campbell recommendations regarding telecommunication sufficiently noted by staff. Chair Scott entertains a motion. Commissioner Campbell moves to recommend that the County Council adopt the Grand County Planning Commission Bylaws as redlined in the January 27th, 2020 Commission meeting (audio 57:38). Seconded by Commission Walston. Discussion. Vote: 6 – For, and 0 – against (Commissioner Willis absent). Motion passes.

Retreat Preparation (audio 58:46):

Zacharia Levine present. Items for a retreat and items for a general discussion and planning efforts. Possible March 9th for a retreat date.

February 10th scheduling conflict:

Business Summit 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. Tentatively cancel Planning Commission meeting. Staff will notify Planning Commission by Monday of the next week (February 3rd) if that cancelation will take place.

Zacharia Levine also be aware of the Spring APA Conference coming up.

Report on joint City-County Planning Commission meeting:

To be determined at future date.

Ongoing meeting dates:

Commissioner Walker presents. Airport Board would be willing to move the date of these meetings. Chair Scott doesn't have strong feelings about moving Planning Commission meeting date. Commissioner Walker did discuss with Councilperson Hawks. General consensus is to keep the meeting dates as they currently are, on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Chair Scott entertains a motion. Commissioner Walker motions to move the Planning Commission meeting to the first and third Mondays of each month (audio 1:19:12). No Second. Motion fails.

Future Considerations: Business Summit & APA Moab Conference. Chair Scott would be interested in continue discussion on the Highway 313 area. Continued discussion with Council on the subject of Overnight Accommodations Overlay eligibility districts.

Community Development Department Update: None.

County Council Liaison report: None.

Adjournment: Commissioner Campbell motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner O'Brien. Vote, unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.