



MINUTES OF THE YREKA PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Held February 15, 2023, 5:30PM
Yreka City Council Chamber, 701 Fourth Street, Yreka, CA
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1. CALL TO ORDER and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

2. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following Commissioners were present: Brian Devlin, Amy Fernandez, Peter O'Brien, and Ann Ohlund. Commissioner Billingsley gave advance notice to staff of her absence.

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATION: None

4. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:

This is the time for public comments regarding issues or matters not on the agenda but still within the jurisdiction of the Planning Commission of Yreka. Public comments period is not intended to be "Question and Answer" period or conversations with the Commissioners or City staff. Commissioners, when recognized by Chair, may ask questions of presenter but no action may be taken by the Planning Commission during the public comment section of the meeting, except to direct staff to prepare a report or place an item on a future agenda.

- Please speak from the podium.
- Please state your name for the record prior to providing your comments.
- Please address the Commission as a whole.
- If you have documents to present, please provide a hard copy to the Clerk or Planning Director
- Please limit your remarks to three (3) minutes.

5. STAFF & COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Members of the Planning Commission may make brief announcements, reports, or request staff to report to Commission on any matter at a subsequent meeting.

- a. Housing Element Update

Planning Director Lucchesi and City Manager Ledbetter updated the commission on next steps after approval of the Housing Element. Planning Director Lucchesi spoke to the submission of the plan to the State HCD (today) February 15, 2023.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered routine and non-controversial and will be enacted by one motion unless any member of the Commission wishes to remove an item for discussion, or a member of the public wishes to comment on an item.

- a. Approval of Minutes of the Regular meeting held January 18, 2023

The minutes are to be corrected to reflect the spelling of Commissioner Fernandez's last name.
Motion to approve the Consent Agenda: Minutes of the Regular meeting held January 18, 2023
MOTIONED: Commissioner Devlin

SECONDED: Commissioner Fernandez
AYES: Commissioners Devlin, Fernandez, O'Brien, and Ohlund
NOES: -0-
ABSENT: Billingsley

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

a. 2022-33 Carnegie Library Historic Building Exterior Alteration: Public Hearing

The Planning Commission will consider the following historic building exterior alteration application filed by ORW Architecture on behalf of the Siskiyou Economic Development Council. The proposed project consists of the installation of a balcony to the existing Carnegie Library, 412 West Miner Street. The balcony addition is planned in conjunction with the historic rehabilitation of the building, intended for reuse by Siskiyou County Economic Development Council.

Recommended Action: Move to adopt Planning Commission Resolution 2023-03 Approving the Proposed Exterior Alteration to the Carnegie Library Building, 412 West Miner Street and Adoption of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Class 3 Exemption

Public Hearing opened: public comment was heard from Dawnmarie Autrey.

Motion to adopt Planning Commission Resolution 2023-03 Approving the Proposed Exterior Alteration to the Carnegie Library Building, 412 West Miner Street and Adoption of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Class 3 Exemption

MOTIONED: Commissioner Fernandez
SECONDED: Commissioner Devlin
AYES: Commissioners Devlin, Fernandez, O'Brien, and Ohlund
NOES: -0-
ABSENT: Billingsley

8. OLD BUSINESS:

a. MC-2022-03 Undergrounding Regulations

The Planning Commission will review and consider the first draft of changes to the municipal code related to undergrounding aerial utilities.

Recommended Action: Provide Staff Direction

Commissioner Ohlund spoke to who should carry cost (of undergrounding) and discussed how residents have already borne the burden of utility installation, and that asking the rate payer to carry that cost burden again seemed counter intuitive.

Commissioner Devlin spoke to opportunities through grants and construction for undergrounding utilities.
Commissioner Devlin spoke to continuing the discussion on undergrounding utilities.

Commissioner Fernandez voiced a concern of undergrounding stifling redevelopment.
Planning Director Juliana Lucchesi made note of the commissioners concerns for undergrounding and will bring back the item incorporating their comments.

Public Comment was heard from Lorenzo Love, Dawnmarie Autrey

9. NEW BUSINESS:

a. General Plan 2044: Visioning

The Planning Commission will receive a report on the status of the visioning survey and review the schedule for developing the 2044 General Plan vision.

Planning Director Lucchesi updated Commissioners on how the Planning Department is outreaching to mission demographics in the 2044 General Plan Visioning Survey, what demographics have participated and planned focus on missing demographic areas.

Recommended Action: Provide Staff Direction

No specific staff direction, over and above the existing planned outreach that Planning Director Lucchesi brief commissioners on was given.

10. FUTURE PLANNING ITEMS:

Future agenda items are action items and presentations to the Planning Commission that may occur within the next 90-days. All dates are tentative and subject to change if needed.

- March 15, 2023: Public Hearing Evans Family Tentative Parcel Map APNs 061-301-010, -060, and -240
- March 15, 2023: General Plan 2044 Visioning
- March 15, 2023: General Plan 2044 Safety and Public Health Introduction
- March 15, 2023: General Plan 2044 Noise Element Update (Report Only)

12. ADJOURNMENT – Next Regular Meeting March 15, 2023, at 5:30PM

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42PM.