

Meeting Minutes

Boulder Town Planning Commission

July 9, 2009, 8:00 p.m.

Commissioners present included Bobbie Cleave, BJ Orozco (acting chair), Ray Gardner and new Commissioner Tom Jerome. Brian Dick and was absent. Also present were Commission Clerk, Peg Smith; and member of the public: Mark Nelson, Ashley Coombs.

BJ called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.

Welcome New Commissioner

BJ welcomed Tom to the Commission; Tom will pick up Mike's Commission materials

Discuss Updating Town Survey

Peg said she brought up the item on the agenda as a timely thing to consider updating.

- Considering whether the 2004 survey had had any impact, commissioners pointed to the rewriting of the General Plan and subsequent discussions on ordinances.
- Mark Nelson thought it was too early to consider a new survey, given that the General Plan has barely been updated. BJ: reminded Mark that the Commission actually started updating the General Plan in 2004. Mark said the commission should "start looking at what you've already done, like the General Plan, equal enforcement of ordinances, lot sizes (not complete), incentives for clustering, etc., and not try to gather yet more data.
- Peg said the survey can be used for more data gathering than just General Plan updating. The town needs to hear regularly, in some non-anecdotal way, of what people think about various town-related issues.
- No one attending remembered the sequence of events leading to the 2004 survey. Was it the Town Council's idea and they passed it to the Planning Commission for implementation? This needs to be brought up at a town meeting.
- Bobbie thought it was a good idea to review the 2004 questions and consider consolidating them with update questions and conduct a survey every few years.
- Commissioners agreed to review the 2004 survey, make notes on ineffective questions, edit questions for bias, and reconsider how to best determine a survey sample.

Next Meeting

Commissioners are wondering about the status of the sign ordinance and remedial actions that still need to be taken; whether the Planning Commission will need to take any action on zoning infractions on Hwy 12.

Ray moved to adjourn, Tom seconded. All approved, BJ adjourned at 8:40.

Peg Smith, Planning Commission Clerk] Date

Approved: _____ Date: _____