

# Meeting Minutes, Boulder Town Planning Commission

## January 8, 2013

Commissioners present: Loch Wade, Cindy Wilson, Caroline Gaudy, and Alyssa Thompson. Donna Jean was absent. Also present: Commission secretary Peg Smith, and members of the public, Mark Nelson and BJ Orozco. Loch called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

### ***Discuss “Dark Skies” Ideas and Revisions***

Alyssa reviewed some of the previous discussion regarding dark skies. She said it remains consistently one of the most strongly expressed values of residents in Boulder, yet only two paragraphs on page 57 of the Zoning Ordinance deals with lighting. She said she is not suggesting adding a new ordinance, only additions to what currently exists in the Site lighting and Zoning section. Alyssa is planning to draft a request for ordinance change that would use the three page suggestion put out by the international Dark Sky Association. The additions wouldn't affect existing lighting or private property lighting, but would put language in place to prevent large, commercial-type lighting.

Alyssa said she'd like to focus on “curtailing light pollution”; simple remedies can be voluntarily adopted, such as installing automatic switches/light sensors, and light shields.

Mark asked if there were any follow-up to his comments regarding the Community Center lighting. He said the town should discourage excessive lighting and be an example of good practice, not bad practice. Cindy took issue with his comments, saying she liked the lights around the building.

Loch said that Alyssa's application may address the question of how to measure :“excessive” lighting. He said if there are some standards of where a line is crossed, then we can build from there available information.

### ***Discuss Upcoming Business and Next Meeting Agenda***

Items on the agenda for the next regular meeting, scheduled for February 12, will include:

- Planner visitation (dependent on schedule)
- Dark skies ZO ordinance changed.
- Loch: Zoning change application
- Stephanie CUP
- General Plan ---review our notes

Cindy moved to adjourn the meeting, Caroline seconded, and all approved. Loch adjourned the meeting at 8 p.m.

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Peg Smith, Planning Commission Clerk

Date