

LAKE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

February 11, 2021

Commission Members

P John Hess, District I
P Everardo Chavez, District II
P Batsulwin Brown, District III
P Christina Price, District IV
P Lance Williams, District V

Staff Members

P Scott DeLeon, CDD Director
P Toccara Thomas, Deputy Director
P Sateur Ham, Assistant Planner
P Nicole Johnson, Deputy Cty Counsel
P Trish Turner, Office Assistant

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9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Comm. Brown

9:01 a.m. ACTION ON MINUTES

Comm. Hess motioned, 2nd by Comm. Price to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2020 Planning Commission hearing.

5 Ayes, 0 Noes – Motion carried

9:02 a.m. CITIZEN'S INPUT - None

Any person may speak for three minutes about any subject of concern, provided that it is within the jurisdiction of the Planning Commission, and is not already on today's agenda or scheduled for a future public hearing. Total time allotted for Citizen's Input shall be fifteen minutes. Speakers are requested to complete a simple form (giving name, address and subject) available in the Community Development Department office, prior to 9:00. Agendas of public meetings and supporting documents are available for public inspection in the Lake County Courthouse, Community Development Department, Third Floor, 255 North Forbes Street, Lakeport, California

Request for Disability-Related Modification or Accommodation: A request for a disability-related modification or accommodation necessary to participate in the Planning Commission meetings should be made in writing to the Planning Commission Assistant at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

9:04 a.m. Untimed Staff Update

Scott DeLeon, CDD Director, gave information on bringing in consultants to assist with the Initial Studies to get projects moving and to be brought in front of the Planning Commission.

9:06 a.m. Public Hearing on Consideration of a Major Use Permit (UP 19-30), Design Review (DR 19-03) Negative Declaration (IS 19-48). The project applicant is Stott Outdoor Advertising, owner Joseph Doyle is proposing a new 22' tall Billboard on a 1.26+ property. Each face is

300 sq. ft. in area. Proposed setback is 7.5 feet from Highway 20-fronting property line. The project location is 2450 Stokes Road, Nice, and further described as APN: 004-055-23.

Eric Porter, Associate Planner, gave a verbal presentation. Mr. Porter's presentation included the staff report, which described the project as a proposed double sided billboard. Mr. Porter also continued with a description of the site plan. He also corrected a few mistakes in the staff report. Which included adding the Design Review (DR 19-03) to the project description.

Comm. Chavez had a question regarding Caltrans comments regarding setbacks.

Mr. Porter addressed that the setback is within the correct parameters from the "fog" line.

Comm. Hess would like to know how many signs would be put up. Will it be two signs or one big sign?

Mr. Porter replied with there will be only one sign, double sided. Which will be seen from both sides.

Greg Redeker, gave a verbal presentation including thanking the staff. His report covered company history, locations, and other similar signs. Mr. Redeker's presentation provided pictures with the proposed signs. Mr. Redeker also respectfully requested that Condition # 13 be struck from the Conditions of Approval, since it has to do with mitigation monitoring and there are no mitigation measures for this project. Mr. Redeker also wants the dates in the staff reports to reflect the February 11, 2021 hearing, not the January 28, 2021 hearing. Mr. Redeker also noted that the date of the issuance of permit is to be after the appeal period which is now February 18, 2021.

Comm. Hess would like to approve the strike of condition # 13. Due to the fact the other signs do not impose this in the conditions of the other signs.

9:22 a.m. Public Comment - None

Comm. Price made a motion with a second by Comm. Hess, that the Planning Commission find that Initial Study (IS 19-48) applied for by Stott Outdoor Advertising on property located at 2450 Stokes Road, Nice, and further described as APN 004-055-23 will not have a significant effect on the environment and therefore a mitigated negative declaration shall be approved with the findings listed in the staff report dated February 11, 2021

5 Ayes, 0 Noes – Motion carried

Comm. Price made a motion with a second by Comm. Chavez, that the Planning Commission find that the Use Permit (UP 19-30) and Design Review (DR 19-03) applied for by Stott Outdoor Advertising on property located at 2450 Stokes Road, Nice, and further described as APN 004-055-23 does meet the requirements of Section 51.4 of the Lake County Zoning Ordinance and the Major Use Permit be granted subject to the conditions as amended and with the findings listed in the staff report dated February 11, 2021

5 Ayes, 0 Noes – Motion carried

NOTE: The applicant or any interested person is reminded that the Zoning Ordinance provides for a seven (7) calendar day appeal period. If there is a disagreement with the Planning Commission, an appeal to the Board of Supervisors may be filed. The appropriate forms and applicable fee must be submitted prior to 5:00 p.m. on or before the seventh calendar day following the Commission's final determination.

9:10 a.m. Office news

Tocarra Nicole Thomas, CDD Deputy Director, highlighted the CDD Staff. She has challenged the planning team to stack a Planning Commission Hearing and staff is meeting the challenge in spite of the heavy workload that staff currently faces. Ms. Thomas shared that the Planning Division currently is attempting to process 284 open planning permit applications projects with 50 percent of those being cannabis projects. and noting that the cannabis projects take the most amount of time the cannabis projects take the most amount of time.

Comm. Price would like to know how the Cannabis Division is coming along to stream line the cannabis projects. Comm. Price asked “Are you making any progress?”

Ms. Thomas replied to Comm. Price question, “We are not making a lot of progress. We went out for recruitment, with a strategy to hire a Cannabis Program Manager with a plan to fully staff the cannabis division after the Cannabis Program Manager has been recruited.

Ms. Thomas also announced the new phone tree; with the justification that CDD receives about sixty phone calls a day. The idea of the phone tree is to curtail the high volume of calls which detracts staff from producing work. Ms. Thomas continued on to share that CDD has. Ms. Thomas continued on to share that CDD has implemented the ability to accept applications virtually; the team created a digital stamp. The team working together to create these digital items “Put the wind in my sails!”

9:36 a.m. ADJOURNED

Batsulwin Brown, Chair
Lake County Planning Commission

Respectfully Submitted,

By: _____
Trish Turner
Planning Commission Assistant