

City of Ferndale, Humboldt County, California USA
Minutes for Planning Commission Meeting of June 15, 2011

Call to Order: Chair Jorgen Von Frausing-Borch called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:00p.m. Commissioners Lino Mogni, Trevor Harper and Dan Brown as well as staff City Clerk Nancy Kaytis-Slocum and Planner Vanessa Blodgett were present. Nancy Trujillo was absent. Those in attendance pledged allegiance to the flag. MOTION: (Brown/Harper): The May 18, 2011 minutes were unanimously approved. There was no public comment.

Housing Element Update: Planner Vanessa Blodgett reported that the City Council had approved extra funding to complete the Housing and Community Development (HCD) requirements for the Housing Element. They include a checklist to be completed by the city in order to include some of the Navy Housing stock as low income housing; small sites analysis.

Historical and Cultural Resources Element DRAFT: Planner Vanessa Blodgett reported that the DRAFT Historical and Cultural Resources Element had been included in this packet, and that it would soon be posted online in order to collect public comment. At the same time, the DRAFT has gone to three of the local Tribes for their comments. They have 90 days in which to comment. We will have a public hearing during the July Planning Commission meeting. The Commission suggested that copies of the DRAFT Historical and Cultural Resources Element go to the City Council.

Signs: Design Review Committee member Michael Bailey distributed his notes on the Chamber of Commerce meeting regarding signs. He felt the meeting had a positive outcome. The commission decided to ask the Design Review Committee to facilitate the Sign group. The makeup of the meeting was discussed at length with the decision to have Trevor Harper represent the Planning Commission (MOTION: (von Frausing-Borch/Brown) Nominate Trevor Harper as the PC representative on the Sign Ordinance committee. All in Favor), have the Design Review Committee appoint two members, and direct staff to advertise for three members of the business community. Commissioner Dan Brown asked to be on the record regarding information posted in the Planning Commission Packet beginning on page 74. He pointed out that one of the articles was written by a litigation director of a San Diego law firm, and that there was no information following page 74 from cities with historic districts.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. The next regular meeting will be July 20, 2011

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Kaytis-Slocum, City Clerk