

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
TRINIDAD PLANNING COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2013

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL (6:01pm)

Commissioners Present: Johnson, Pinske, Vanderpool, Rotwein

Commissioners Absent: Becker

Staff: Parker, Caldwell

II. AGENDA ITEMS

1. **General Plan Update:** Housing Element continued review and discussion; draft Cultural & Historic Resources Element discussion

The Commission enters into informal workshop mode.

On the Commission's request, Planner Parker will see what the options are for a no-risk review of the Housing Element from HCD to see how close it is to certification and what the deficiencies are in order for the City to make the best-informed decision on it.

The Commission reads through the Housing Element page-by-page and makes corrections.

The Cultural & Historic Element could be the last full element of the update. Community Design has been discussed as a separate element, but could also be incorporated into the Land Use Element depending on the length and complexity. Staff anticipates that the community will be very interested in this element.

Commissioner Pinske asks for an update on the process. Planner Parker states that she has sent a draft to the CA Coastal Commission for early consultation. They will not begin formal review and certification of the general plan until the zoning ordinance update is also done. Parker has also initiated formal Tribal Consultation. The Yurok and the Trinidad Rancheria were the only ones that responded, and the Tsurai Ancestral Society will be included informally because they don't have tribal status. She has not yet received comments from the various tribal interests, but continues to prompt them. It was noted that the initial draft of the cultural element is Yurok-centric, which is because it is partially based on the Tsurai Management Plan.

Planner Parker inquired as to what direction the Planning Commission wanted to go in terms of historic preservation of existing structures. Commissioner Pinske believes that historic preservation is appreciated and part of living in Trinidad. Planner Parker will consult with the Museum Society and Civic Club and look at what other jurisdictions have done.

VI. CITY COUNCIL REPORT

None.

VII. STAFF REPORT

Streamline Planning Consultants has applied for some grants to help prepare for climate change / sea level rise, including an update of the local coastal plan.

September 18th would be the next regularly scheduled meeting. Planner Parker is expecting a rush application but hasn't received it yet, and that would likely be the only thing on the agenda.

The Commission leaves it up to Planner Parker to choose which Element to work on next: the Historic or Community Design Element while she continues to solicit input on the cultural element policies.

Commissioner Rotwein is moving out of City limits to the City of Arcata and therefore has to resign from the Planning Commission. The Commission thanks her for her service and wishes her good luck.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.

Submitted by:

Sarah Caldwell

Secretary to Planning Commission

Approved by:

Richard Johnson

Planning Commission Chair