

MINUTES OF THE SPECIALLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE
TRINIDAD PLANNING COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL (4:25pm)

Commissioners Present: Johnson, Pinske, Stockness

Commissioners Absent: Becker, Vanderpool

Staff: Parker, Caldwell

II. AGENDA ITEMS

1. **General Plan Update:** Community Design Element continued discussion (please see/bring materials from the last meeting).

The Commission enters into informal workshop mode.

Section 3. Compatibility

There are noticeable differences in the structures neighborhood to neighborhood

CD 3-2 "Prohibit" preset arch styles (this gives it more teeth)

CD 3.4.1 The Commission does not want to commit to making design guidelines for each neighborhood because it may be too specific. This will also eliminate the need for detailed programs.

Planner Parker will send out sample Design Review guidelines. It was noted that the City Council relies on the Planning Commission for Land Use recommendations.

3.4.2 add "coastal" or "seaside" and take out "unsophisticated"

3.7 replace structures with "associated facilities"

4.4 include "more proliferation of;" the planned sign program is probably not needed but this and controlling signs needs further conversation.

4.7 add "prohibit"

4.5 & CD 4.9.4 seem to be in conflict.

Pole signs are supported by 1 or more poles. Freestanding signs are integrated into the foundation, or not. The definition of freestanding should include "not attached to a building." Putting a height limit or standards on them is better.

The Commission will take a look at signs especially when entering into town to judge how they look. Planner Parker notes that signs don't have to be grandfathered in; they can be 'amortized.' It was noted that the City approved / permitted the Murphy's Market marquee.

The Commission will discuss signs at a later time and think about what is appropriate or not. Signs are an economic asset. Banner-like signs should also be addressed. Also take into account the allowance for temporary signs. Planner Parker will look at definitions for "flapping signs."

Temporary signs should also be addressed, defined for temporary events, and should not be permissible within the public right-of-way. The Commission will also address signs on

cars in streets and if these are covered under the temporary signs definition. There are some current illegal examples around town in the public right-of-way. No use of garish signs is the cost of doing business in Trinidad.

Address banners on light poles and consider banners like the ones on Trinity as appropriate for the harbor. The Chamber of Commerce may help with a City directory and map to make signs less important.

CD 5-3 redundant (and superseded by 5.1)

5.2 Planner Parker will take a look at the Lighting Committee's determinations for lighting standards.

Section 6. The LEED reference may fit here, but may not be appropriate in the Community Design Element. Was it discussed in Land Use?

6.5 is redundant

7.1 Drip irrigation seems to be covered in CD 7.5 How do the coastal regulations apply (e.g. Marshall approval)?

7.3, 7.4 don't add "annually prune/maintain;" but to the Views and Vegetation Ordinance

7.5 add "viewshed friendly" to include maintaining views. Discuss rights-of-way, pruning techniques.

Side note: Commissioner Stockness got a call from State Parks and volunteer groups will prune trails on the second Saturday

8.4 is redundant with 8.1 (is 8.1 from Fort Bragg?)

8.3, 8.5 combine

8.2 could be an effort in the future

9.2.3 delete

9.3 delete

9.4 would be more appropriate in the Circulation Element, as is 9.5 and 9.6

9.7 move to compatibility with built environment

9.8 move to Housing Element

9.9 move to Historic section

VI. CITY COUNCIL & STAFF REPORT

There were no Planning Commission issues on the last agenda. The City Council will begin discussing the City's budget. The Vacation Dwelling Unit Ordinance was put on hold for the time being.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:08pm.

Submitted by:

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Secretary to Planning Commission

Approved by:

Michael Pinske

Planning Commission Chair