

**JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY OF EMMETT / GEM COUNTY
SUMMARY MINUTES**

January 25, 2010

City Hall

9:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Anita Hendrix, Maria Salazar, Troy Kochner, Rick Weekly, Travis Madsen and Debbie Rouwenhorst.

MEMBERS ABSENT WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Planning Director Brad Hawkins-Clark, City Clerk/Treasurer Marge Lawrence.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools, Sue Beitia and School Board member Tami Davis.

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman **Hendrix** called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.
2. **Review of Agenda:** A motion was made by Commissioner **Salazar** to move item 5 to the top of the agenda. It was seconded by Commissioner **Weekly**. **Motion carried.**
3. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. **Workshop with School District:** After a joint Public Hearing, four proposed chapters for the Comprehensive Plan were passed by the City Council and Board of County Commissioners. Concern was expressed over wording and statistical sources for the Education Chapter. The Chapter was tabled until the February 8, 2010 joint City/County meeting. In the meantime, the Planning Commission met to review the Education Chapter again and solicit input from the school district to potentially amend the draft language.
Much discussion was had in trying to address concerns without compromising the intent of the document. Most concern focused on the statement that portrayed 20.4% of Gem County residents as not having a high school diploma, and if that number reflects poorly upon the local school district. Emmett's High School graduation is reflected in another section of the plan. Sue Beitia and Tami Davis offered the Commission some feedback on this issue and also invited the Commission to participate in a Board of Trustee meeting on February 11 at 5:30 P.M. regarding the open School Superintendent position.
 - b. **Order of Comprehensive Plan Chapters:** Commissioner **Rouwenhorst** made a **motion to approve** the order as reflected in the December minutes. It was seconded by Commissioner **Salazar**. **Motion carried.**

4. **Approval of Minutes of December 21, 2009:** Commissioner **Weekly** made a **motion to approve** the minutes with 1 change and 1 correction. It was seconded by Commissioner **Kochner**. **Motion carried.**

5. **Election of Officers:** Commissioner **Rouwenhorst** made a **motion for Commissioner Hendrix to remain Chairman**. It was seconded by Commissioner **Salazar**. **Motion carried.** Commissioner **Hendrix** made a motion for Commissioner **Rouwenhorst to remain Co-Chair**. Commissioner **Kochner** seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

6. **New Business:**

Discussion took place on Chapter 6 (Natural Resources and Hazardous Areas), and Chapter 9 (Public Facilities). A draft of Chapter 10 (Transportation) was distributed by Commissioner **Madsen** and will be discussed at the February meeting.

7. **Items from Planning Director:**

Brad reported that there will be a Design Review meeting February 4, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. to present draft design guidelines prior to the Public Hearing before the Zoning Commissions. Local Business owners have been invited. The City Zoning Commission has been working on developing a Master Pathway Plan. Brad also distributed copies of the Community Economic Profile (BLM) that was completed last Fall.

8. **Items from Planning Commission:** None.

9. **Upcoming Meetings:** Next meeting is February 22, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. due to President's Day.

10. **Adjournment:** A **motion to adjourn** was made by Commissioner **Salazar**. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Rouwenhorst**. **Motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Chairman Anita Hendrix

Clerk Marge Lawrence