



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PALISADE PLANNING COMMISSION
May 7, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission for the Town of Palisade was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair Amy Gekas, with Vice-Chair Ed Seymour. Commissioners present: Riley Parker, David Hull, Brandon Burke, Don Bosch, and LisaMarie Pinder. A quorum was declared. Also in attendance were Town Manager Janet Hawkinson, Community Development Director Devan Aziz, and Special Events Coordinator Rebecca Loucks.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Motion #1 by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Bosch, to approve the agenda as amended to include the addition of the Town Manager report.

A voice vote was requested.
Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion #2 by Commissioner Bosh, seconded by Commissioner Hull, to approve the minutes from the April 16, 2024, regular meeting of the Palisade Planning Commission, as presented.

A voice vote was requested.
Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

Town Manager Janet Hawkinson and Community Development Director Devan Aziz gave a presentation to the Planning Commission regarding duties, conduct, and responsibilities while serving as a commissioner.

FUTURE AND CURRENT PLANNING TOPICS

a. Zoning Amendments

Community Development Director Aziz gave a presentation on zoning amendments for the Agri-Urban buffer and 1st Street mixed-use.

Included in the presentation were the following:

b. Harkey's Boat Ramp

Update of the design for Harkey's boat ramp and swim beach.

c. AGNC Mini Grant Approved

Introduction of the AGNC Mini Grant Approval for the Downtown area for a study and strategic plan for economic development with details on the timeline and public input opportunities.

d. Land Development Code Amendments

Land development code amendments for the permitting processes for shade structures, food truck and mobile food courts regulations and outdoor service areas for restaurants and cafes.

e. Downtown Revitalization

Explanation was given to what the Downtown Revitalization entailed with the Town of Palisade, Chamber of Commerce, and the downtown business owners.

A recommendation was given by Director Aziz to have 1 to 2 Commissioners represent the Planning Commission during meetings.

f. Communication:

The Planning Commission set a tentative date for a Watershed tour on June 28, 2024.

TextMyGov awareness campaign was presented with strategies suggested to increase public enrollment.

After a discussion amongst the Commission, the following direction was given to staff:

- Look into the current food truck regulations and establish if better regulations are needed for public safety.
- Look into the zoning amendments to be handled in the Municipal Code instead of the Land Development Code with the direction not to try to regulate residents' personal shade structures.
- Continue the design of Harkey's boat ramp with the safety concerns in mind for future updates.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Hawkinson reviewed ongoing projects.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Harkey, Palisade, CO, reported safety concerns with the current boat ramp at Harkey's Launch.

Ron West, Palisade, CO, raised concerns over public comment during Board meetings and food truck regulations.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion #3 by Commissioner Hull, seconded by Commissioner Burke, to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 pm.

A voice vote was requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Amy Gekas

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Planning Commission Chair

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Keli Frasier

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Town Clerk

