

**TOWN OF DEWEY-HUMBOLDT
PLANNING & ZONING ADVISORY COMMISSION
JOINT MEETING WITH TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 5, 2012, 6:00 P.M.**

A JOINT MEETING OF THE DEWEY-HUMBOLDT PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AND TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2012, AT TOWN HALL AT 2735 S. HIGHWAY 69, DEWEY-HUMBOLDT, ARIZONA. CHAIR BOB BOWMAN PRESIDED.

1. **Call To Order.** The meeting was called to order at 6:10PM. Chair Bob Bowman presided.
2. **Opening Ceremonies.**
 - 2.1. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Made.
3. **Roll Call.** Commissioners Arlene Alen, Chris Berry, Claire Clark, Andy Peters, Mel Scarbrough, and Chair Bob Bowman were present. Commissioner Glen Allen was absent.
4. **Disclosure of Ex Parte Contacts.** None.
5. **Announcements Regarding Current Events.** None.
6. **Consent Agenda.**
 - 6.1. **Minutes.** Minutes from the February 9, 2012 Meeting.

Commissioner Arlene Alen made a motion to approve the February 9, 2012 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Chris Berry. No vote was taken therefore these minutes will be on the agenda for approval at the next Planning & Zoning meeting.
7. **Joint Session.** Discussion and Possible Action between Town Council and Planning and Zoning Commission.
 - 7.1. **Roll Call.** Councilmembers John Dibble, David Hiles, Dennis Repan, Denise Rogers and Mayor Terry Nolan were present. Councilmember Nancy Wright and Vice Mayor Mark McBrady were absent.
 - 7.2. **Joint Meeting with Council to discuss direction on projects for Planning and Zoning Commission to work on.**

Town Council and Planning & Zoning prioritized the top three items to begin to address:

 1. Illegal Lot Divisions - Establish enforcement policies
 2. Accessory Dwelling Units (handle consecutively with lot divisions)
 3. Historic Buildings - Possible adoption of 2009 International Building Code.
 - 7.3. **Adjourn Joint Session.** Mayor Nolan adjourned the joint session at 7:29PM. Chair Bowman called a five minute recess.
8. **Return to Regular Session - Discussion Agenda – Unfinished Business.**

Chair Bowman called the regular meeting to order at 7:35PM. There was no unfinished business to discuss.
9. **Discussion Agenda – New Business.**
 - 9.1. **Election of Vice Chair.**

Chair Bowman stated there were six members present and he would abstain from the vote. Commissioner Scarbrough nominated Andy Peters, Commissioner Berry seconded. The nomination failed by a 1-2 vote; Commissioner Scarbrough voted aye;

Commissioners Berry and Clark voted nay; Commissioners Alen, Peters and Chair Bowman abstained.

Commissioner Peters nominated Arlene Alen, Commissioner Clark seconded. The nomination passed by a 3-1 vote; Commissioners Berry, Peters and Clark voted aye; Commissioner Scarbrough voted nay; Commissioner Alen and Chair Bowman abstained. Commissioner Alen was elected as Vice Chair of the Planning and Zoning Committee. Commissioner Peters thanked Commissioner Scarbrough for the nomination and thanked Commissioner Alen for accepting.

9.2. Medical Marijuana. [Chair Bowman request] Vice Chair Alen made a motion to table this item until such time that the federal government makes a decision and there is precedent set and then bring it back for discussion. Commissioner Peters seconded. Chair Bowman amended the motion to add asking the Town Attorney for an opinion about the Federal law superseding any Town decision. After further discussion, Chair Bowman withdrew his amendment to the motion and the Commission voted on the original motion. The vote passed unanimously. Staff will ask the Town Attorney's opinion about Federal law relating to this item.

9.3. Mortimer Farm's Special Event Permit. Discussion on a possible Special Event for shooting antique guns.

Ms. Kimball informed the Commission that Mortimer Farms was planning a special event and submitted an application for a permit to support a shooting activity on their property. Ms. Kimball stated the Town does not have an ordinance to regulate the discharge of firearms and consulted the Sheriff's Office for insight. The Sheriff's Office was concerned and requested more details. Since Town Ordinance does not regulate it and State law is vague the Sheriff's Office could not make a decision based on the information presented. The Town then communicated with Mortimer Farms and they decided not to proceed with the permit. Staff wanted to bring this item to the Commission because many municipalities have Ordinances to regulate the discharge of firearms.

Chair Bowman suggested looking at two different aspects: discharge of firearms in the community and special events of this nature by studying the ordinances of adjacent communities. There was discussion about the noise factor and this area being "animal country", and being sensitive to that fact.

Chair Bowman made a motion to table this issue until the Commission studies surrounding communities' ordinances and state law, seconded by Commissioner Scarbrough. The vote passed unanimously.

10. Public Hearing Agenda. Discussion and Possible Action on matters not previously presented to the Commission. None.

11. Commissioners' Forum. Current Events and Future Agenda Requests. Members of the Commission may discuss Planning and Zoning related items in terms of past, present and future.

Chair Bowman stated there are already three items that the Town Council wants the Commission to look at immediately and asked if there were any other items. Commissioner Berry stated he recently attended the museum opening and lease signing and recommended all to attend the April 14th official opening of the beta test for running the museum. He

stated there will be a car show, dinner and dance on the 14th at the old bank building and encouraged everyone to participate.

12. Comments from the Public. None.

13. Town Planner's Report. Update on Current Events. None.

14. Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM.

Robert Bowman, Chairman

ATTEST:

Mandi Garfield, Administrative Assistant

SUMMARY