

Date: Thursday, January 21, 2021
Time: 3:30 PM
Location: Virtual. If you wish to participate please send an email to, beilbykm@larimer.org.

ESTES VALLEY PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

THE LARIMER COUNTY ESTES VALLEY PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (COMMITTEE) MET VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM AND STARTED AT 3:30 P.M.

THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: DAVID CONVERSE, MIKE KENNEDY, LINDA MOAK, REX POGGENPOHL, FRANK THEIS, AND DREW WEBB. MEMBER OLIVIA HARPER WAS NOT PRESENT. STAFF PRESENT WERE LESLI ELLIS, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR; DON THREEWITT, PLANNING MANAGER; MATT LAFFERTY, PRINCIPAL PLANNER; MICHAEL WHITLEY, PLANNER II; FRANK HAUG, ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY; AND AMY WHITE, CODE COMPLIANCE SUPERVISOR.

ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC OBSERVED THE ZOOM MEETING.

AGENDA

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. ROLL CALL
- C. INTRODUCE NEW COMMISSION MEMBER SHADDUCK-MCNALLY
- D. CONFIRM AGENDA
- E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 19, 2020, MEETING
- F. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING OTHER RELEVANT LAND USE MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA
- G. ACTION ITEM
- H. DISCUSSION ITEMS AND TRAINING:
- I. ADJOURN

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MEMBER KENNEDY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 19, 2020, MEETING. MEMBER WEBB SECONDED. THE COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE NOVEMBER 19, 2020, MINUTES.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

THERE WERE NO PUBLIC COMMENTS.

ACTION ITEM: POSTING OF MEETINGS

MEMBER POGGENPOHL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE LANGUAGE, AND MEMBER MOAK SECONDED. THE COMMITTEE APPROVED THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE UNANIMOUSLY.

I MOVE THE ESTES VALLEY PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE DESIGNATE WWW.LARIMER.ORG AS THE PLACE FOR POSTING NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS, AND IF EXIGENT OR EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES PREVENT THE ONLINE POSTING AT SUCH LOCATION, PUBLIC NOTICE SHALL BE PHYSICALLY POSTED AT THE BULLETIN BOARDS LOCATED AT THE NORTH AND SOUTH ENTRANCES TO THE LARIMER COUNTY COURTHOUSE OFFICES BUILDING AT 200 WEST OAK, FORT COLLINS, COLORADO, IN ACCORDANCE WITH COLORADO'S OPEN MEETINGS LAWS.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

DISCUSSION ON THE TOWN OF ESTES DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS (DOLA) GRANT FUNDED UPDATE ON THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND COUNTY'S ROLE

LESLI ELLIS PRESENTED A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE TOWN OF ESTES DOLA GRANT APPROACH AND SCHEDULE AS ANTICIPATED FOR TOWN AND COUNTY TO COORDINATE ON A PLANNING EFFORT AND ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY. SPECIFIC INPUT AND IDEAS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS INCLUDED:

- THIS COMMITTEE CAN ASSIST WITH OUTREACH AND EFFORTS HELPING THE PUBLIC TO BE INVOLVED.
- PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT WILL BE KEY TO A SUCCESSFUL PLAN. MAKE SURE THERE ARE LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES TO BE HEARD, AND EARLY IN THE PROCESS. ESTES VALLEY HAS EDUCATED AND SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE WHO ARE VOCAL AND WILL PARTICIPATE. THE PROCESS SHOULD BE DONE ACCORDINGLY.
- WHO NEEDS TO BE INVOLVED? THERE'S SOME DISCUSSION ABOUT PROPERTY OWNERS VERSUS VISITORS. IT WILL BE IMPORTANT TO LOOK AT THAT EARLY ON. IT WILL BE IMPORTANT TO INCLUDE: NORTH END PROPERTY ASSOCIATIONS, ALL THE HOAS.
- THERE IS INTEREST IN TRYING TO GENERATE A JOINT APPROACH BETWEEN COUNTY AND TOWN.
- THERE'S LOCAL DEBATE ABOUT GROWTH AND THE TOWN'S RATE OF GROW. DEMAND IS ENORMOUS. THAT'S IN PART WHY IT IS IMPORTANT TO COORDINATE ON GROWTH MANAGEMENT. GROWTH NEEDS TO BE MANAGED AND INTO AREAS THAT DON'T AFFECT AREAS OUTSIDE OF TOWN. THE RURAL AREAS MIGHT BE PART OF THE TOURIST DRAW.
- THE TOWN'S FOCUS MAY BE MORE ON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING HEIGHTS.
- THERE WAS DISCUSSION THAT THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (IGA) SEPARATION MAY HAVE BEEN DRIVEN BY A CONTROVERSIAL PROJECT.
- THE SCOPE OF WORK WILL BE IMPORTANT. SOME COMPREHENSIVE PLANS HAVE GOVERNANCE AS A COMPONENT, AND THAT MAY BE IMPORTANT TO SET UP CLEARLY. MAKE THE AGREEMENT TO WORK TOGETHER A BIT MORE FORMAL.
- THE COMMUNITY IS GOVERNED BY ONE TOWN, AND THE COUNTY POPULATION CAN FEEL LEFT OUT.
- THE BOUNDARY MAY NEED ATTENTION; FOR INSTANCE, IN THE WATERSHED PLAN, IT WAS DECIDED TO MAKE THE BOUNDARY THE FIRE DISTRICT – A VALLEY WIDE DISTRICT.
- ANNEXATION MAY BE A TOPIC.
- RULES CAN CHANGE AND MAKE PLANS NOT LEGAL OR FEASIBLE, SO PEOPLE WILL NEED TO BE INVOLVED.

COMMUNICATIONS FOLLOW UP

- COMMITTEE MEMBER WEBB WILL CRAFT A LETTER ABOUT THE ROLE OF THE COMMITTEE TO HELP MAKE THE PUBLIC AWARE IT EXISTS AND EXPLAIN HOW THE PUBLIC WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE AROUND PARTICULAR LAND USE AND PLANNING TOPICS SUCH AS THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. THAT WILL BE READY FOR REVIEW AT THE NEXT MEETING.

ADJOURNMENT

THE NEXT MEETING WAS SCHEDULED FOR **THURSDAY, FEB. 18, 2021, AT 3:30 P.M.** (VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM WITH INVITATION TO FOLLOW).

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT APPROXIMATELY 5:15 P.M.

FRANK THEIS, CHAIR

DAVID CONVERSE, SECRETARY