

MINUTES
Tuesday September 1, 2009
Planning and Zoning Commission Work Session
Grant County Administration Building
1400 Highway 180 East
Silver City, New Mexico

Commissioners Present

Chair David Gershenson
Lori Ann Bonomo
Ken Foster
Doug Abbott
Gillian Sherwood
Teri Matelson
Alice Jones

Staff Present

Peter Russell
Luan Mitchell

Commissioners Absent

Members of the Public

Nancy Gordon

The work session of the Planning and Zoning Commission for the Town of Silver City to discuss the Land Use Code Task Force's recommendations for revisions to the town's land use code was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair David Gershenson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A roll call of commissioners was taken and all were present.

Before moving on to new material, the commission reviewed the suggested revisions that were agreed to at the previous meeting. Regarding the requirement for an applicant for an administrative land division to post a notice sign for five days, it was recommended by Chair Gershenson that language specifying where a sign is to be posted should be included.

Section 5.9.2, off-street parking requirements, was the first item for discussion. Peter Russell explained that the task force had been unable to come to consensus about the issue so he and Nancy Gordon were each offering their suggestions for the commission to decide. Chair Gershenson, who was a member of the task force, commented that there had been lengthy discussions about parking and all but one of the members agreed with Peter Russell's recommendations, but because they were working by consensus and not voting, one disagreement made it necessary for the Planning and Zoning Commission to make the decision. Questions were asked of Ms. Gordon and Mr. Russell and Mr. Russell's version was accepted.

Commissioner Jones, who was absent from the August 26th meeting, asked several questions and made comments about outdoor lighting and contractors paying money in lieu of providing park or green space for a new subdivision. Peter Russell explained that money in lieu of park space in new developments allows the Town to avoid multi small park maintenance and allow for larger green spaces.

The review of Article VI was completed with very few minor changes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Approved:

David Gershenson
Planning & Zoning Commission Chair