



CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
September 11, 2018 6:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair McCain called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led us all in the flag salute along with a moment of silence for the events of 9/11/2001 that will be forever etched in our memories.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Commissioners LaConte, McCain, Ekberg, Ambur, Olson  
**Absent:** Commissioners Seth (Excused)  
**Staff:** Barbara Kincaid, Community Development Director; Brenda Martinez; City Clerk

Chair McCain noted an error on the agenda and proposed to renumber items and requested a motion from the floor to renumber the agenda as following: Item 1- Flag salute, Item 2- roll call, add an Item 3- approval of minutes for August 21, add an Item 4- first public comment period, renumber the 5- comp plan update as Item 5, Item 6-public comments second round, and Item 7- adjournment.

Commissioner Olson **moved** to change the current agenda to read 1) flag salute, 2) roll call, 3) approval of minutes, 4) first public comments, 5) comp plan update, 6) second public comments, 7) adjournment; **second** Commissioner Ekberg. **Vote;** motion **passed** 6-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Olson and **seconded** by Commissioner Ambur to adopt the minutes of the August 21, 2018 Planning Commission meeting. **Vote;** motion **passed** 6-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Gary Davis, Black Diamond spoke to Planning Commissioners.

Director Kincaid discussed two applications for the Planning Commission vacancies and noted interviews will take place October 1, 2018.

Chair McCain asked the Commissioners to share their top three concerns for final deliberations and recommendations before passing on to City Council.

Director Kincaid noted a public comment suggestion to add a policy for the tree preservation.

She discussed the process/ordinance in place for cutting tree's down. There was continued discussion around policies and tree preservation.

Director Kincaid discussed Policy NE-40 to ensure compliance with the city's tree preservation ordinance to maintain the rural character of Black Diamond.

Director Kincaid noted the changes from this evenings discussion that each Planning Commissioner would like to see implemented.

**ACTION ITEM:**

- Dark sky ordinances, light pollution. Add comment under LU-7 (chapter 46) lighting that is appropriate to minimize light pollution through our regulations.
- Changing the description of neighborhood commercial that would include restaurants and B&B's.
- Policy adding tree preservation to preserve rural small-town character.
- Fix typos and formatting.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Olson and **seconded** by Commissioner LaConte to advance the City of Black Diamonds comprehensive plan with the additional edits of adding restaurant and B&B to neighborhood commercial, adding the language of describing the different trees we would like to preserve to the comprehensive plan, with the addition of the light pollution policy to LU-7, typos and formatting. **Vote; motion passed 5-1 (Ambur).**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**ADJOURN:**

Chair McCain adjourned the meeting at 7:55:32 p.m.

These minutes were respectively recorded by Katherine Allen, Deputy City Clerk

ATTEST:



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Pam McCain, Chairperson

  
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Planning Commission Secretary