



City of Fort Bragg

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Meeting Agenda Planning Commission

Wednesday, July 21, 2021

6:00 PM

Via Video Conference

Special Meeting

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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Topic: Planning Commission*

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1. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON: (1) NON-AGENDA & (2) CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

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TIME ALLOTMENT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Thirty (30) minutes shall be allotted to receiving public comments. If necessary, the Chair or Acting Chair may allot an additional 30 minutes to public comments after Conduct of Business to allow those who have not yet spoken to do so. Any citizen, after being recognized by the Chair or Acting Chair, may speak on any topic that may be a proper subject for discussion before the Planning Commission for such period of time as the Chair or Acting Chair may determine is appropriate under the circumstances of the particular meeting, including number of persons wishing to speak or the complexity of a particular topic. Time limitations shall be set without regard to a speaker's point of view or the content of the speech, as long as the speaker's comments are not disruptive of the meeting.

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2. STAFF COMMENTS

3. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

All items under the Consent Calendar will be acted upon in one motion unless a Commissioner requests that an individual item be taken up under Conduct of Business.

4A [21-380](#) Approve Minutes of the June 23, 2021 Planning Commission Meeting

Attachments: [Minutes of June 23, 2021](#)

4B [21-381](#) Approve Minutes of the July 14, 2021 Planning Commission Meeting

Attachments: [Minutes of July 14, 2021](#)

4C [21-379](#) Adopt Resolution Denying MUP 1-21 for Cannabis Dispensary at 144 N Franklin Street

Attachments: [Denial Resolution MUP 1-21](#)
[Public Comment](#)

5. DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

The adjournment time for all Planning Commission meetings is no later than 9:00 p.m. If the Commission is still in session at 9:00 p.m., the Commission may continue the meeting upon majority vote.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
)ss.
COUNTY OF MENDOCINO)

I declare, under penalty of perjury, that I am employed by the City of Fort Bragg and that I caused this agenda to be posted in the City Hall notice case on July 20, 2021.

Sarah Peters
Administrative Assistant, Community Development Department

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Approve Minutes of the June 23, 2021 Planning Commission Meeting

Planning Commission requested changes to minute text. Staff reviewed video recording and made minor changes, staff determined not all requested changes were consistent with the record. Staff modified minute text of item 6B. to further clarify and differentiate between what "notice of posting" was at issue.



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Meeting Minutes Planning Commission

Wednesday, June 23, 2021

6:00 PM

Town Hall, 363 N.Main Street

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chair Logan called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Chair Jeremy Logan, Vice Chair Jay Andreis, Commissioner Stan Miklose, Commissioner Michelle Roberts, and Commissioner Nancy Rogers

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON: (1) NON-AGENDA & (2) CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

None.

2. STAFF COMMENTS

Assistant Director O'Neal summarized upcoming events: a Rural Recreation and Tourism grant scoping session on June 30, the Annual Fireworks event on July 3, and a Volunteer Clean-up event on July 4. She also gave updates on the former Grey Whale Inn code compliance status and the Formula Business ordinance.

3. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Roberts mentioned the Hospital's 50th Anniversary Celebration on June 27. Vice Chair Andreis requested and was provided the Street Safety Survey website address.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Commissioner Miklose, seconded by Commissioner Rogers, that the items on the Consent Calendar be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Logan, Vice Chair Andreis, Commissioner Miklose, Commissioner Roberts and Commissioner Rogers

4A. [21-311](#) June 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes

4B. [21-316](#) June 9, 2021 Minutes

5. DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 6A. [21-294](#) Receive Report, Conduct Public Hearing and Consider Adoption of a Resolution Approving Application for Use Permit 2-21 to Change the Primary Use of 237 E. Alder to Single Family Residential.

Chair Logan opened the Public Hearing at 6:12 P.M.

Associate Planner Gurewitz presented the prepared report on the application to change the primary use of 237 E. Alder to Single Family Residential. There were no immediate questions for staff. Chair Logan called for public comment. There were none. Commissioners then asked clarifying questions related to the existing fence; setback requirements related to potential further property development; purpose of this process for the project; and differences in tax rates between commercial and residential properties.

Chair Logan closed the Public Hearing at 6:29 P.M.

DISCUSSION:

Under deliberation, Commissioners discussed a concern about Applicant's building being approved as Residential, while also qualifying for Central Business District requirements which have less stringent coverage and setback requirements.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Roberts, that this Planning Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Logan, Vice Chair Andreis, Commissioner Miklose, Commissioner Roberts and Commissioner Rogers

Enactment No: RES PC09-2021

- 6B. [21-305](#) Receive Report, Conduct Public Hearing of Appeal and Consider Adoption of Resolution Affirming Approval of Minor Use Permit MUP 1-21 for Sunshine Cannabis Dispensary

Commissioner Andreis recused himself from the matter due to the proximity of his residence to the project. Commissioner Miklose recused himself due to the proximity of his business to the project. Commissioners Andreis and Miklose left the meeting and Chair Logan opened the Public Hearing at 6:37 P.M.

Associate Planner Gurewitz presented the prepared report on the appeal of the Minor Use Permit for Sunshine Cannabis Dispensary and Commissioners asked clarifying questions of Staff. Appellants addressed the Commission with arguments for why the project should not be permitted. Appellants who spoke were:

- *Gene Myrtle
- *Jay Koski
- *Patricia Bell
- *Jacob Patterson (on behalf of the appellants)
- *Jim Matson

Applicant Brandy Moulton addressed the Commission with responses to questions and concerns.

Public Comment:

- *Theresa Heitmeyer
- *Gabriel Quinn Maroney - via Zoom
- *Andrew Jordan - via Zoom
- *Simeon Evans - via Zoom

Appellant Jay Koski gave a rebuttal to applicants' statements. Jacob Patterson also gave a rebuttal on behalf of appellant group. Following that, Commissioners asked clarifying questions of Staff and Applicant.

Chair Logan closed the Public Hearing at 7:58 P.M.

Discussion:

Commissioners' deliberation included legality and uniqueness of cannabis as a retail business; incompatibility with character of mixed use neighborhood; potential for increase in traffic; safety concerns related to traffic and lighting; concerns about proximity to residences; neighbors' unhappiness with project in their neighborhood; concerns about potential for improper use of accessory buildings; and insufficient evidence that the required "notice of posting" for the Minor Use Permit (MUP) 1-21 and the Administrative Hearing for MUP 1-21 was properly posted at the property. There was discussion regarding the need for notice of posting on site for an appeal and City Attorney, Keith Collins clarified, that per code, no on-site posting is necessary during appeal.

This was referred to staff to draft a Planning Resolution Denying the Project and Upholding the Appeal.

Enactment No:

7. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Logan closed the meeting at 9:11 P.M.

Jeremy Logan, Chair

Sarah Peters, Administrative Assistant

IMAGED (_____)



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Approve Minutes of the July 14, 2021 Planning Commission Meeting



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Meeting Minutes Planning Commission

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

6:00 PM

Town Hall, 363 N.Main Street

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chair Logan called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present 4 - Chair Jeremy Logan, Commissioner Stan Miklose, Commissioner Michelle Roberts, and Commissioner Nancy Rogers
Absent 1 - Vice Chair Jay Andreis

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON: (1) NON-AGENDA & (2) CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

Public Comment:

Jacob Patterson

2. STAFF COMMENTS

None.

3. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

None.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Chair Logan, that Items 4A and 4B be pulled from the Consent Calendar and heard under Conduct of Business. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chair Logan, Commissioner Miklose, Commissioner Roberts and Commissioner Rogers

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Andreis

5. DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

- 4A** [21-348](#) Receive and File Minutes of the June 23, 2021 Planning Commission Meeting

Commissioner Roberts asked that for clarification, the last part of the last sentence of the Discussion paragraph be changed to reflect that there were three notices for which there was not evidence of proper posting. She moved that the minutes be changed to read: "...insufficient evidence that the required notice for Minor Use Permit 1-21, the Administrative Hearing, and the Appeal was properly posted at the property."

These Minutes were referred back to staff for modifications.

- 4B** [21-338](#) Adopt Resolution Denying MUP 1-21 for Cannabis Dispensary at 144 N Franklin Street

Commissioner Roberts stated her primary concerns with the Denial Resolution: that the Planning Commission made only two findings on Minor Use Permit 1-21. These included insufficient evidence that three required postings had been done by the Applicant and that the proposed use is not consistent with existing and future land uses. All other findings in the draft resolution were not made by the Commission.

Chair Logan and Commissioner Rogers inquired about form and common practice for Resolutions. Assistant Director O'Neal explained that staff routinely prepares resolutions for consideration that include standardized language to make the document more legally defensible, and as Planning Commission did not object specifically to the other findings, they were left in tact from the original Resolution on that agenda item.

There was further discussion regarding common practice about content in Resolutions. Commissioners discussed the pros and cons of either approach, ultimately agreeing that Resolutions should reflect only the Commission's findings.

A motion was made by Commissioner Roberts, seconded by Chair Logan, that City staff modify the Resolution to include only the two findings that the Planning Commission made during the meeting on June 23, 2021 and strike everything that was not part of the specific findings made during that meeting.

This Planning Resolution was referred back to staff for modifications.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Logan adjourned the meeting at 6:35 P.M.

Jeremy Logan, Chair

Sarah Peters, Administrative Assistant

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Adopt Resolution Denying MUP 1-21 for Cannabis Dispensary at 144 N Franklin Street

RESOLUTION NO. PC __-2021

RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG PLANNING COMMISSION FOR DENIAL OF MINOR USE PERMIT 1-21 FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CANNABIS DISPENSARY AT 144 NORTH FRANKLIN STREET.

WHEREAS, there was filed with this Commission a verified application on the forms prescribed by the Commission requesting approval of a Minor Use Permit under the provisions of Chapter 18 Article 7 of the Inland Land Use Development Code to permit the following Use:

Establish a cannabis dispensary on the property located at Assessor's Parcel No. 008-164-39 as shown on the Fort Bragg Parcel Map and addressed as 144 N. Franklin Street.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission upon holding the hearing on June 23, 2021 determined that there was not sufficient evidence that the required noticing for the Minor Use Permit and the Minor Use Permit Administrative Hearing were properly posted at the property; and

WHEREAS, the approval of a project requires that all findings for a Minor Use Permit be made; and

WHEREAS, at the public hearing Planning Commission established the following finding c. could not be made:

c. The design, location, size, and operating characteristics of the proposed activity are compatible with the existing and future land uses in the vicinity;

The proposed use is not compatible with the existing and future land uses because testimony presented by the appellant and the neighbors provide evidence of a mixed-use neighborhood making it incompatible with the residential properties primarily adjacent to the site.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant of all the evidence presented on June 23, 2021, both oral and documentary, and further based on the findings, Minor Use Permit 1-21 is denied subject to the provisions of the City of Fort Bragg Municipal Code Title 18 Inland Land Use Development Code.

The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Commissioner _____, seconded by Commissioner _____, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 21st day of July 2021, by the following vote:

- AYES:**
- NOES:**
- ABSENT:**
- ABSTAIN:**
- RECUSED:**

Jeremy Logan, Chair

ATTEST:

Sarah Peters, Administrative Assistant

From: [Jacob Patterson](#)
To: [Peters, Sarah](#); [CDD User](#)
Cc: [Miller, Tabatha](#); [O'Neal, Chantell](#)
Subject: Public Comment -- 7/21/21 Special PC Mtg., Item No. 4C
Date: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 6:09:33 PM

Fort Bragg Planning Commission,

I am perplexed that the draft Planning Commission denial resolution prepared by staff is not consistent with the clear direction of the Planning Commission from the last meeting. Although it has been narrowed and the extra findings were removed per your direction, it only includes one of the two findings for denial that you made at the initial public hearing and it omits the other finding for denial based on inadequate notice. The Planning Commission was very clear that the denial resolution should include both findings of denial and the finding that the necessary notice had not been made has been omitted without explanation. This should be remedied by the Planning Commission by requiring both findings for denial in the resolution you adopt. The other finding concerning posted notices provided distinct grounds for denial in addition to the finding that was included in the draft resolution. The direction to staff was very clear and it has not been followed. Please fix this issue when you take up this item at your special meeting.

Thanks,

--Jacob

From: [Jacob Patterson](#)
To: [Peters, Sarah](#); [CDD User](#)
Cc: [Miller, Tabatha](#); [O'Neal, Chantell](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comment -- 7/21/21 Special PC Mtg., Item No. 4C
Date: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 8:00:07 PM

Planning Commission,

Correction to my prior comment.

Upon a more careful reading, the draft resolution doesn't actually include any findings, only recitals (aka "whereas" clauses) and then a statement that the Planning Commission denies the permit. The middle section of a resolution where the review authority actually makes findings was deleted in its entirety, although one piece was moved to the factual recitals without any clear context to why it is being included there. This is usually written in a similar manner to the following:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fort Bragg Planning Commission makes the following findings and determinations: ...

OR

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Fort Bragg Planning Commission, based on the entirety of the record before it, hereby finds as follows: ...

In the least, the resolution should include a simple finding that the Planning Commission is incorporating the foregoing recitals as formal findings, otherwise you aren't actually making any findings, only reciting relevant facts and then resolving to deny the permit. I believe the focus of the discussion in the prior meetings was on making sure the Planning Commission had supportable findings for denial so having a resolution that actually involves the Planning Commission making these findings is important.

Also, the resolution states that the meeting is a regular meeting when it should read special meeting.

Thanks,

--Jacob

On Tue, Jul 20, 2021 at 6:09 PM Jacob Patterson <jacob.patterson.esq@gmail.com> wrote:
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Thanks,

--Jacob

From: [Jenny Shattuck](#)
To: [Peters, Sarah](#)
Subject: public comment, planning commission meeting July 21, 2021
Date: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 2:52:52 PM

I am very concerned for many reason about tonight's agenda. This seems that it is a near repeat of last week with the same issues. When planning commissioners give explicit direction to staff regarding decisions. From the start of this project, before denial, it seemed city staff informed commissioners that they did not need to attend the meeting it was set to be heard on. Then, city staff says, since no one is in attendance we will have to hear this administratively. So it is approved. Then goes to Commission on appeal. How was it approved in the first place when proper notice, dates and more were not correct? Then, last meeting, commission gives direction for corrections. However, it is still not correct. This seems to be the new normal, and is not only unfair to applicants and the public, but also the planning commissioners who put much time and effort into making informed decisions. When the information provided is not truthful, for example, Goodies, was not a pizza delivery establishment, it changes the narrative, because one would most likely believe that staff is presenting the truth. Public comment is the only way that the community, that city staff work for, has input at meetings. To hear city staff say they would prefer there be no public comment, as if it is a joke, was a slap in the face to those who had paid to be heard that night. I know that I am not the only one frustrated with what has been happening. Many of us appreciate the hard work off staff and the commission, and it is shocking, that once again, the commission may have to repeat their direction to staff. Again.

Jenny Shattuck
Fort Bragg

From: [Mary Rose Kaczorowski](#)
To: [mrkaczorowski](#)
Subject: To Those Who Care about The Mendocino Coast and Fort Bragg
Date: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 3:32:43 PM

Dear All,

I think there is something radically out of kilter regarding the implementation for the vision of Ft. Bragg's future. I hope you arrive at the same conclusion.

Please kindly take some quality time to read this.

As we all know municipal officials have a responsibility to attract economic development to their communities to provide jobs and tax revenues to support a variety of services in a manner that allows them to achieve the vision for the region to preserve a rural character of life for current and future residents.

Municipal actors can amend and adopt local development and conservation ordinances consistent with a plan to achieve these various goals and objectives provided that a fair share of regional housing growth is planned for the region.

I see this as working with the County of Mendocino regarding areas adjacent to the City of Ft. Bragg. Various federal and state agencies rely on multi-municipal plans and ordinances when reviewing applications for funding, projects and permitting of facilities.

Cooperative planning has always led to the identification of common needs and common solutions while each municipal and county entity has the ability to retain its own autonomy and governing bodies.

Fort Bragg is a tiny town with a relatively small land footprint that cannot accommodate every development whim. The problem Fort Bragg faces is the siting of commercial development near residential and pedestrian areas which then create for the city a lack of control over commercial uses which might have a negative impact on residential uses located near them.

Please look at these City Generated Documents (just a random sampling of many).

Think about the time, energy and cost and where are we now in relation to all this

paper that no one looks at or adheres to.

Do note that many public scoping sessions with archived results are difficult to find.

NOTE: There is not a substantive dedicated analysis or outreach to bring commercial enterprises or employers other than the most promising and innovative Noyo Center for Marine Sciences which could be accelerated. However - there is no housing to accommodate visiting researchers etc.

Also, the opportunity to partner with Mendocino College can turn available parcels near the Fort Campus into student and visiting faculty housing that would meet CEQA and Coastal Commission standards. We already have a world-renowned woodworking school. **Are we not overlooking existing local successes and not amplifying it?**

From 2018

<https://city.fortbragg.com/DocumentCenter/View/1809/Downtown-Vision-Poster-Front-PDF?bidId=>

2014 HOUSING ELEMENT

<https://city.fortbragg.com/DocumentCenter/View/3659/Element-10--Housing-Element-2014-PDF>

From 2009

<https://city.fortbragg.com/DocumentCenter/View/1522/Illustrative-Vision-Plan?bidId=>

Community Design Element 2008

<https://city.fortbragg.com/DocumentCenter/View/1257/Element-06--Community-Design-PDF?bidId=>

City Council Goal-Setting Retreat. from CITY NOTES April 21, 2011
"The City Council spent an entire Saturday in early April reviewing progress on goals established four years ago and refining its priorities for the future. The Council's vision statement for Fort Bragg still rings true: "Fort Bragg is a small town with a strong sense of community that seeks to preserve its natural beauty while providing exceptional public facilities and infrastructure, safe streets, and a well-planned framework for sustainable development and prosperity." While the Council was justifiably proud of the City's accomplishments, the City's current budgetary challenges helped frame the discussion of goals and priority work-activities in the future."

<https://city.fortbragg.com/DocumentCenter/View/1720/04-21-2011-City-Notes?bidId=>

Housing for too long has been kicked down the road. Formula Stores and Cannabis get more attention. One DANCO project at a time is not enough if we are to meet the State of California's mandate for Our County and City's housing requirements.

"[California's housing-element law](#) acknowledges that, in order for the private market to adequately address the housing needs and demand of Californians, local governments

must adopt plans and regulatory systems that provide opportunities for (and do not unduly constrain), housing development. As a result, housing policy in California rests largely on the effective implementation of local general plans and local housing elements.”

The last time that I looked at the Vision Statement for the City of Fort Bragg CHART (which I cannot find again on the City Website) those two categories of Formula and Big Box Businesses and cannabis businesses development were not a priority!

In the past few months, I spoke with folks who moved here to take jobs in the hospitality industry or medical services. Several planned on leaving due to housing conditions or affordability in relation to wages.

I was taking a walk along a nature trail and came upon a young woman who was on the phone - talking to someone about the "awful housing and lousy liar landlords here" her words not mine. She was looking to leave and sorry she came up here.

Last week I talked to a medical practitioner somewhat new to the area - surprised she could not find dentists taking new patients here.

The few dentists that are still left are not taking new patients. One dental office told me their younger dental hygienist who recently came to work here on the coast is leaving- Fort Bragg. They also cannot accommodate the demand for dental hygienist appointments.

What are the priorities then I ask? Cannabis, Grocery Outlets? Hotel, motel accommodation for visitors? We have “The Bakery” on Main Street, visitors feel fooled when they discover it is a Cannabis dispensary and there is no Glass Beach, Laurel Deli is not a Deli—should I go on?

Finally- there are a lot of myths and noise about why LOCAL employers cannot find employees.

Please review the KQED article (link below) entitled: *Low Pay, No Benefits, Rude Customers: Restaurant Workers Quit at Record Rate*

<https://www.kqed.org/arts/13900094/restaurant-workers-quit-record-rate-pay-increases>

Here on the Coast, we have seasonal, part-time jobs and now a housing crisis. Airbnb’s, and Vacation Rentals keep getting approved (Countywide).

For every NEW Business Formula and Big Box Store being approved it should be required that they build AFFORDABLE housing to accommodate at least 50% of their part-time and full time LOCAL workers if they cannot pay a Living wage plus full benefits!

Thank you for reading this!

My Best Regards,

Mary Rose Kaczorowski, M.T.S.- Judeo-Christian, Islamic & Buddhist Ethical Traditions, Pacific School of Religion/Graduate Theological Union;

B.A. - Public Policy Mills College; A.A. Humanities and Environmental Sciences -
College of the Redwoods, Fort Bragg/Eureka CA ; Advanced Certificate - Non-Profit
Management California State University, Hayward

<https://muckrack.com/mary-rose-kaczorowski>

How to pronounce my name? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5SIk7LKjTY>

"Be calm, like a giant tree in a storm."