

Oroville Planning Commission

Monday, May 15, 2023

Commissioners Present: Arnie Marchand, Jeff Bunnell, and Heather Marthaller, and Alternate Alan Freed

Commissioners Absent: Valorie Johnston and Suzi Seger and Alternate Rebecca Ann

Staff Present: Cindy Boyer and Kurt Danison via Zoom

Chairman Arnie Marchand call the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. Arnie asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the April 17th, 2023, meeting, and hearing none, they were approved.

The first item on the agenda was setting the date for the Public Hearing on the Shoreline Master Program, and June 19th will still be fine.

Next on the agenda was to go over the next four elements of the Comprehensive Plan, Downtown Enhancement was discussed and hoping more people get involved and form a committee to promote a healthy attitude for downtown.

The Economic Development plan is ongoing and will hopefully get stronger every year with more new businesses and job opportunities.

The Oroville Airport needs to be called Dorothy Scott International Airport, and Heather is still looking into getting the sea plane designation back here, with the help of David Ison, she will let the commission know when she has that all set up.

Arnie brought up that we need to add the three trails that exist right now, Whistler's Canyon, the Similkameen Trail, and the PCNW, need to be added to the Park and Recreation element, and that we need more activities to keep people here in town. He stated that he is working on the Okanogan Trail, it is a route that the Okanogan Indians used which started at the border and went to Bridgeport to Douglas County, then to Grand Coulee and then to the Keller ferry, up Highway 20 to Republic and on to Midway and finally up to Kelowna. He is involved with doing the applications now and with help from across the border, maybe have things settled by next year. There are also international bike tours that would like to get connected to the Selkirk Loop.

Most of the elements need to be updated and there are probably some things that could be totally taken out, Jeff volunteered to take on the parks and recreation, and revise it and take out the things that don't need to be in there. Kurt wants everyone to help him get more information and hopes that the public will send in their ideas and opinions also. We also need our police force to have more authority to keep our parks and city streets safe for everyone.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

