



MINUTES

Planning and Zoning Commission

Tuesday January 7, 2020
Grant County Administration Building
1400 Hwy 180 East
Silver City, New Mexico

Commissioners Present

Nickolas Seibel, Chair
Sam Castello
Simon Wheaton-Smith
Laszlo Sandor

Commissioners Absent

Staff Present

Priscilla Arredondo, Planner

The regular meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission was called to order at 6:03 pm by Chair Seibel. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A roll call of commissioners was taken and a quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved by a voice vote of 4/0.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Sandor moved to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2019 meeting as submitted. Commissioner Wheaton-Smith seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote of 4/0.

Public Hearings

ZC 19-04: A Request for a Zone Change, from a Residential A Zoning District to Highway Commercial District for a tract of land described as: Lot Six (6) and the North nine (9) feet of Lot Five (5), Block Once (1), Silver Heights Addition, Town of Silver City, Grant County, New Mexico. The property address is 1617 N. Juniper Ave and the owner is W. Jay Garard. Commissioner Sandor motioned to recommend approval of ZC 19-04. Commissioner Wheaton-Smith seconded the motion including the amendment of findings one, two, four and seven being met. The motion was approved by roll call vote of 4/0.

New Business

None

Community Forum

None

Reports from Staff

Ms. Arredondo informed the Commissioners that Otto Khera submitted his resignation and elections for Chair and Vice Chair will need to be held at the following meeting.

Reports from Commission

Commissioner Castello stated that there is a lack of diversity on the Commission and should try to find more diverse members to join. Chair Seibel stated that it was the deadline for filing of Town Council and looks like the Council will stay the same the next two years. He bemoaned the lack of interest in what are important positions. He added that everyone may be exhausted by politics and some things going on in the world and makes what happens in community more important than less. Commissioner Wheaton-Smith added that the website is not up to date. Ms. Arredondo stated that the Town is getting a whole new website so things will get updated as soon as that happens. Commissioner Sandor asked if there would be an advantage to having a more digitally accurate Zoning Map. Ms. Arredondo stated that each one has to go through the same process and have to be done on a case by case basis. He asked if it would be appropriate to do it in mass on an administrative level. Chair Seibel added that in a lot of places the boundaries are drawn down the middle of blocks or the middle of streets so it is easier on a piece by piece level and they are not always as easy as it seems.

Community Input

None

Adjournment

Commissioner Castello moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wheaton-Smith seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote of 4/0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Nickolas Seibel, Chair
Planning & Zoning Commission

Date