



**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Buena Vista Planning and Zoning Commission
August 16th, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, July 19th 2023, at the Community Center by Vice Chair Lynn Schultz-Writsel.

Staff Present: Planning Director Joel Benson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Schultz-Writsel led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Benson proceeded with the roll call and declared a quorum.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Preston Larimer	Chair	Not Present
Lynn Schultz-Writsel	Vice Chair	Present
Tony LaGreca	Commissioner	Present on Zoom
Craig Brown	Commissioner	Not Present
Blake Bennetts	Commissioner	Present
Thomas Brown	Alternate	Present
Thomas Doumas	Alternate	Not Present

AGENDA ADOPTION

Schultz-Writsel called for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Bennetts motioned to adopt the agenda as amended and was seconded by Commissioner Brown **Motion #1** passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Brown motioned to approve meeting minutes from July 19th, 2023, as amended. One non-stylistic change was that Schultz-Writsel did not recommend denial of the water ordinance, rather approval with conditions. Bennetts seconded. **Motion #2** was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was opened at 7:02 p.m.

With no comments, public comment was closed at 7:02 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no new business items.

STAFF / COMMISSION INTERACTION

Commissioner LaGreca asked for an update on staffing.
Brian Berger was hired as Administrator. We have hired a Planning Technician.

Benson provided a status of some building permits and subdivisions and gave an update on the traffic light at US 24 and Baylor/DePaul.

There was some discussion about making code recommendations in general for trustees and to look for ways to improve water policy and code, to bring the tabled camping code changes back the Planning and Zoning. Benson shared impressions and observations from the Board of Trustee meeting wherein the water policy code changes were adopted, as well as research that had been done between the Planning and Zoning and Trustee meetings.

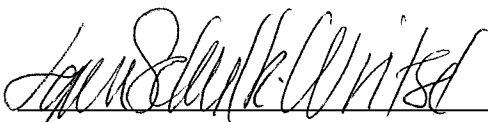
Schultz-Writsel brought up that there might be something in the short-term rental code that needs to be changed, and that Commissioner Larimer had brought this up.

Benson noted that the Town hopes to begin the RFP process for the Comprehensive Planning process this fall; Commissioners discussed incorporating water conservation planning into the Comp Plan and having a joint meeting with water board and Planning and Zoning to better understand the situation and crossover points.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Bennetts motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. Brown seconded.
Motion #3 was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted:



Lynn Schultz-Writsel, Vice-Chair



Joel Benson, Planning Director