

## **Town of Minturn Planning Commission Agenda July 8, 2009**

### **Regular Session - 7:00 p.m.**

Minturn Town Center – 302 Pine Street

#### **Call to Order/Roll Call**

Chairman Stuart Brummett called the meeting to order at 7:04. Other Commissioners present included: Lael Engstrom, Michael Gallagher and Tim Osborne. Vice-Chair Lynn Teach was absent and excused.

#### **Approval of Agenda Items**

M. Gallagher made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. L. Engstrom seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0

#### **Approval of Minutes – Minutes from June 24, 2009**

M. Gallagher made a motion to approve the minutes from 6.24.09. L. Engstrom seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0

#### **Discussion Items: 2009 Minturn Community Plan – Future Land Use Options**

V. Villarreal informed the Commission on the recent work session with the Town Council that focused on the future land use options. He stated that the Town Council was supportive of staffs' efforts on the plan to date and the direction that the plan was moving.

The discussion then centered on the various plan elements listed in the executive summary starting with Community Character. Each bullet point from that section was read and discussed. The group decided to eliminate the following policies: 1) *Ensure unique, contextual, high-quality development* & 2) *Develop policies to discourage the development of chain retailers/service providers.*

The Commissioners also discussed having a designated kayak park that would attract outdoor enthusiasts to the town. There was also discussion on installing an information kiosk on or near Bellm Bridge.

The topic of parking was then discussed. The common sentiment was that a lack of parking should be considered a good thing because it would indicate that businesses were thriving. It was agreed upon that parking regulations need to be relaxed so developers would have a reason to build in Minturn. The current parking guidelines are too restrictive and hinder development in the downtown area. Chris Cerimele stated that the staff was researching other jurisdictions to determine how they handle parking. The Commissioners discussed having a parking garage in the future and possibly using the rail yard for Vail skier parking as a way to generate additional revenue for the town.

**Action Items:** None

**Planning Director's Report**

**Commissioner Comments**

S. Brummett informed the commission about the upcoming Planning Commissioner training in Denver. All expressed interest and V. Villarreal stated that the Town would pay the registration fee.

S. Brummett stated that he would still like to take a tour of the Roaring Fork Valley.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm.