

Town of Minturn

Planning Commission

June 13, 2012

Regular Session – 6:30 p.m.
Minturn Town Hall – 302 Pine Street

Call to Order/Roll Call

The June 13, 2012 meeting of the Minturn Planning Commission was called to order by Chairperson Lynn Teach at 6:34 p.m.

Members Present: Lynn Teach, Chairperson
Tim Osborne, Vice – Chair
Melissa Decker
Burke Harrington
Bobby Head

Staff Present: Chris Cerimele, Town Planner

Approval of Agenda Items

Commissioner Teach asked if there were any changes to the agenda. None were noted. A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Commissioner Harrington and seconded by Commissioner Osborne. The motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Minutes

Planning Commission meeting minutes from May 9, 2012

Commissioner Head made a motion to approve the minutes with the following amendment:

The March 14, 2012 minutes were amended to indicate that B. Head abstained due to his absence from the meeting.

Tim Osborne seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Public Comment - none

Action Items

1. ZTA 2012 – 04; A zoning text amendment to establish regulations pertaining to the installation of fences in the Town of Minturn.

Chris Cerimele introduced the agenda item and provided an overview of the current regulations pertaining to fences. He stated that permits were not currently required for the installation of fences and retaining walls and that there was no good method to regulate them. The proposed code amendment would require a homeowner to receive a permit prior to the fence or retaining wall installation and would also set regulations relating to height and materials.

Commissioner Head stated that he did not think it was appropriate to completely ban chain-link fences. Commissioners Teach and Osborne agreed. It was decided to allow chain link fences in side yards and to prohibit them along any property boundary that was adjacent to a public street.

Commissioner Teach suggested adding language that stipulated that the decorative or finished side of a fence or retaining must face a public street or neighboring property.

A discussion ensued regarding allowable materials for fences. Commissioner Harrington stated that Vail does not allow composite materials for deck posts and railings. Commissioner Teach wanted the Commission to consider a list of fencing materials that were acceptable to the Town. Staff suggested keeping the existing language that called for the materials to be durable and architecturally compatible to the primary building on the site.

C. Cerimele stated that he would make the suggested revisions and bring the code amendment back for a formal vote by the Planning Commission.

B. Harrington made a motion to table ZTA 2012-04 until the July 11th meeting. B. Head seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0/

Planning Department Update

C. Cerimele informed the Commission that he was pursuing a grant opportunity for funding to complete the second phase of Little Beach Park. He stated that the Town received \$250,000 from the Battle Mountain development for improvements to LBP and that money would be used for a grant match. He stated that a committee was being formed to discuss the future improvements and that he would like to have a representative from the Planning Commission on the committee. M. Decker volunteered to serve on the committee.

Adjournment

M. Decker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm. B. Harrington seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.