

## PLANNING COMMISSION

### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 22, 2011

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Clark called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with Commissioners Landless, Liske, Nowak, Scranton, Mayor Pro Tem Clark and Mayor Pat Willits in attendance. Chairperson Petruccelli was absent.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Highway 62 Upgrades

Town Manager Jen Coates updated the Commission regarding the proposed upgrades to Highway 62 discussed at the September meeting. Coates explained the Colorado Department of Transportation agreed to start the center turn lane through town at the Historic Business District. The turn lane will become two lanes at Laura Street, continuing on to Amelia Street. The width of the center turn lane, driving lanes, bike lanes and sidewalks has been reduced to a width of sixty-six feet. Manager Coates noted the plan is subject to change once the design has been engineered.

2. 2011 Comprehensive Plan Update

Manager Coates reported notification is still pending regarding grant fund availability from the Department of Local Affairs for the Land Use Update.

3. University of Colorado–Denver (UCD) Green House Gas Assessment and Utility Energy Audits

The Town Manager stated the Western San Juans Community Energy Board is developing a baseline to measure various forms and types of energy consumption for residential, commercial, and governmental uses. The two-county regional board is comprised of residents from the towns of Ouray, Ridgway, Telluride, Mountain Village and Norwood, as well as the counties of Ouray and San Miguel she noted. Coates further explained UCD, in conjunction with the Colorado Municipal League and Wal-Mart, sponsor a program in which energy consumption audits are performed by UCD students. The students will conduct audits for San Miguel and Ouray Counties pertaining to traffic, emissions, landfill waste, solid waste, recycling and green house gases. Once completed the audit results will be published after four months. Manager Coates reported the Town's energy audits regarding water and wastewater utilities should be completed in late spring.

Mayor Willits joined the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

4. Integrated Weed Management Plan

Town Manager Coates summarized activities of the Weed Committee noting there has been good participation from the community. Coates noted the final document for the Weed Management Plan would be incorporated into the 2011 Comprehensive Plan.

5. Regional Telecommunications

Mayor Pro Tem Clark reported on Operation Linkup, a Silverton based company spearheading an initiative to improve the telecom infrastructure for the Western Slope. He explained how the lack of bandwidth, telecom infrastructure, and connectivity affects local economic development.

6. Governor's Economic Development Workshop

Commissioner Scranton reported on attendance at the workshop to create a statewide economic development plan. County Commissioners shared the primary focus for their specific counties, including strategies and specific economic development plans. The Governor requested the Commissioners reach consensus and submit a plan to his office by March 14.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

7. Minutes from the Regular Meeting of December 28, 2010

ACTION:

Commissioner Liske moved with Commissioner Scranton seconding the motion to approve the minutes from December 28, 2010. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Christian  
Deputy Clerk