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PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, July 10, 2019
9:00 a.m.
Board Chambers
546 Jay Street, Suite 108
Colusa, CA 95932

The Colusa County Planning Commission meets in Regular Session this 10th day of July 2019 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. Present: Commissioners Don Parsons, Dave McCullough, Gail Beduhn, and Barry Morrell.

Present: Marcos Kropf, County Counsel.
Greg Plucker, Kent Johanns, Community Development
Department.
Ann Nordyke, Melissa Kitts, Board Clerks.
Booksie Nichols, Stonyford citizen.
Elaine Rominger, Gerald Rominger, Wesley Henderson, Gary
Henderson, Lori Henderson, Arbuckle citizens.
Russell Georgeson, Eric Smith, Counsel for the Hendersons.
DeWayne Brown, Renewable Fiber.

Pledge of Allegiance

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes Approval
Planning Commission – Special Meeting – June 19, 2019.

RESULT:	APPROVED [3 TO 0]
MOVER:	Gail Beduhn, Planning Commissioner
SECONDER:	David McCullough, Commissioner
AYES:	Barry Morrell, Gail Beduhn, David McCullough
ABSTAIN:	Don Parsons

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

III. 9:02 a.m. (9:00 a.m. Item on Agenda) PUBLIC HEARING

Chair Morrell makes time for a Public Hearing and adoption of a Resolution of the Colusa County Planning Commission recommending that the Board of Supervisors adopt statutory exemptions and approve a General Plan Amendment (GPA #19-5-1) amending the County Land Use Designation Maps and General Plan Table "LU-2" and Zoning Amendment (ZA #19-5-1) amending the County Zoning Maps.

Comments received by Mr. Johanns.

9:09 a.m. Chair Morrell opens the Public Hearing and calls for public comment. Hearing none, Chair Morrell closes the Public Hearing.

PLANNING COMMISSION/COLUSA COUNTY

1. Adopt Resolution No. **19-006** of the Colusa County Planning Commission recommending that the Board of Supervisors adopt statutory exemptions and approve a General Plan Amendment (GPA #19-5-1) amending the County Land Use Designation Maps and General Plan Table "LU-2" and Zoning Amendment (ZA #19-5-1) amending the County Zoning Maps.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gail Beduhn, Planning Commissioner
SECONDER:	Don Parsons, Planning Commissioner
AYES:	Don Parsons, Barry Morrell, Gail Beduhn, David McCullough

9:10 a.m. (9:00 a.m. Item on Agenda) PUBLIC HEARING

Chair Morrell makes time for a Public Hearing and approval of a Resolution of the Colusa County Planning Commission adopting a Categorical Exemption and approving Use Permit No.19-4-1 for the continued operation of a landscaping material supply facility (bark plant).

9:22 a.m. Chair Morrell opens the Public Hearing and calls for public comment.

Mr. Rominger distributes a letter dated July 10, 2019, to Commissioners. He states he owns acreage adjacent to Renewable Fiber and lists several concerns related to noise, dust, public safety, inspections, traffic, fire suppression, employee training and sanitation. **(Handout on file in Board Clerk's Office)**

Mr. Brown from Renewable Fiber states that they have a mobile water supply and will be installing additional water lines. He further states that his employees are all trained per OSHA standards.

Commissioner Parsons and Chair Morrell both state they have concerns about an adequate water supply, due to the spontaneous combustion that has occurred in the past. Commissioner Parsons inquires as to how often the piles are rotated and how often internal temperatures are checked.

Mr. Brown states that there is a log book, but their system could be improved. He further states that he checks the piles on an as-needed basis. He states that many of these issues were a result of being a new start-up company, but in the last year, many of their practices have been improved.

Mr. Georgenson, Counsel for the Hendersons, speaks to the property directly adjacent to Renewable Fiber. He states that the Hendersons have experienced damage to their orchards as a result of the dust created by Renewable Fiber, and have dealt with several other nuisances. He further states that Renewable Fiber has promised to implement mitigation measures, which have not been completed in a timely manner.

Mr. Georgenson states the Henderson's issues are as follows:

- Dust mitigation to protect crops
- Herbicide use on materials
- Potential damage to home, fields, crops, staff, and livestock
- Timeliness of County Enforcement
- Evidence of storage reduction
- Stack height
- Downspouts on equipment
- Sanitation issues
- Proper training of staff
- Comparisons to Sierra Pacific Bark Plant in Oroville, CA

The Henderson's request the Planning Commission consider the following:

- The plant ceases operations until conditions are met
- Regularly scheduled and frequent inspections
- Emulate Sierra Bark Plant practices
- Any chemicals used on materials must be food grade
- Have a sprinkler system and downspouts on equipment

Mr. Brown reiterates that many changes have occurred in the past 12 months. The telephone poles are on site and the barrier is ready for installation. He further states that they don't use herbicides on their products.

Ms. Henderson states that Mr. Brown does not follow through with what he says.

10:48 Chair Morrell calls for further public comment. Hearing no other public comment, Chair Morrell closes the Public Hearing.

RESULT: CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER 11, 2019 MEETING
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IV. PLANNING DIRECTOR COMMENTS/REPORTS

None.

V. PLANNING COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS/REPORTS

None.

Chair Morrell adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m. to reconvene in Regular Session on August 7, 2019 at the hour of 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Plucker, Secretary to the
Planning Commission

Barry Morrell, Chair

By: _____
Melissa Kitts, Deputy Clerk