

Town of Bakersfield

Planning Commission Minutes

January 2, 2023

The meeting was held in person at the Town Hall and telecast at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81566969046?pwd=WFZhSVgoUmJlajJvR3g3VlJRQTFSdzo9>

Public Hearing opened at 7:07 PM by Bill Irwin. Asked for adjustments to the agenda. Ken asked that we add a discussion of the email about the Jordan Road property and Bill Irwin Asked that we add a discussion about the 2023 budget and elections. They were added as items 6 and 7. Introduced the members of the Planning Commission present Ken Carter, Nicky Cribb, Bill Irwin and Heather Jewett. Asked for public comment. There was none. Reviewed the December 19, 2022 minutes. Ken Carter motioned to accept. Nicky Cribb seconded. Approved 3 – 0 with Heather Jewett abstaining because she was not at the December meeting.

The Zoning Administrator was not present, so there was no Zoning Administrator report. Opened the discussion on the Jordan Road property. This was brought to the attention of the Commission at the December meeting as a question to the new Planning Commission email. The discussion resulted in two follow-up steps. First there was a motion by Ken Carter to remove the Planning Commission email. This was seconded by Nicky Cribb. Discussion aligned on communications with the Planning Commission should be as they used to be – the Town Clerk contacts the Planning Commission Chair as needed without the intrusion of another email account for someone to check. This was approved 3 to 0 as Heather Jewett had to excuse herself from the meeting.

Second, relative to the party with the question, the Planning Commission would appreciate Tami or whomever is appropriate to ask the party for the Jordan Road property to come to a Planning Commission meeting and ask their question or questions in the public meeting. Our meetings are warned. The customary date and time is the first Monday of the month at 7:00 PM, though if postponement is needed due to conflicts, the meeting is the third Monday of the month at 7:00 PM.

Discussed the 2023 Town election and budget. It may be the case that Heather Jewett's position may be up for election. She should see if this is the case and whether she want to run again. As for the budget, John West asked if we needed to ask for any funding for 2023. As stated in December, we did not think so, but the Planning Commission Chair would try to go to the next Select Board meeting to discuss with them.

The next meeting scheduled for February 6, 2023 was postponed until February 20 at 7:00 PM because the Chair has a conflict.

Ken Carter motioned to adjourn at 7:55. Seconded by Nicky. Adjourned at 7:58.

Submitted by William Irwin, Bakersfield Planning Commission Chair 1/2/2023