

**Gilpin County Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes**

July 13, 2021

The Gilpin County Planning Commission convened via Zoom Meeting; no physical meeting was held.
A recording of this meeting is available at
<https://stories.opengov.com/gilpincountyco/published/ZQ8LLnMmf>

Call to Order: Chair Jeney called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Quorum Call:

- Present: Chair Laura Jeney, Chair Pro-Tem Bob Haxel, Andrea Wrobel, Melissa Harless, Shannon Arrington
- Absent: Art Fuqua, Kurt Duncan, Roxann Goss
- Staff Present: Tami Archer, Planner; April Nielsen, Code Enforcement Official

Agenda Review: Chair Jeney reviewed the agenda. Chair Pro-Tem Haxel moved to approve the agenda as presented, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Arrington. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes Review: The minutes from the June 8, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Arrington moved to approve as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Harless. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business: None

Old Business:

A. Lighting Regulations – Section 4.12

Planner Archer presented the proposed revisions, noting that graphics had been added. There was discussion about the usefulness of the graphics, and how it could be confusing especially when comparing definitions to the charts. Commissioner Wrobel commented that the proposed changes were getting too complicated and suggested just making minor changes to the existing regulations. There was additional discussion on shielding, and Commissioner Wroble suggested a work session perhaps including members of the public. Chair Jeney asked for a motion to move the discussions regarding Section 4.12 into a work session, resulting in considerable additional discussion.

Commissioner Harless moved to schedule a work session for Section 4.12. There was discussion regarding possible dates, and it was narrowed to July 27, 2021 or July 28, 2021. Chair Jeney asked staff to do an email poll for date selection. Commissioner Harless made a motion to move Section 4.12 to a work session on a date to be determined at 7:00 p.m. which will be open to the public, and was seconded by Commissioner Wrobel. The motion passed unanimously. There was additional discussion on the timing of a public hearing possibly in September.



B. Wildfire Regulations Continuance

Chair Jeney noted that the public hearing has been continued to the August 10, 2021 meeting. She briefly recapped prior discussions. There was discussion regarding the Wildfire Partners program, the possibility of some kind of flexibility on a case-by-case basis, the language of the current regulations, and involving Jennifer Cook of the CSU Extension Office and Jim Webster of Boulder County to get their input.

C. Transfer of Development Rights

There was discussion regarding a work session for this section perhaps in September. Commissioner Wrobel shared that she has been in communication with Brian Lorch of Summit County regarding their program. Chair Jeney asked staff to reach out to Brian to see if he would be willing to address this commission in October.

Public Comment:

Chair Jeney opened the public comment period at 8:23

Bill Merline, 86 Spruce Way, expressed concerns about the lighting regulations and made some comments regarding emails he had sent.

Karen Auvinen, 178 Upper Travis Gulch Road, offered comments on the Dark Skies initiative, suggested educational outreach, and asked to keep these meetings on Zoom.

Staff Updates:

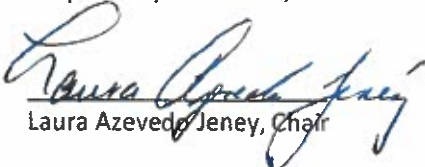
Planner Archer noted the difficulties encountered by the Board of County Commissioners' meetings using the remote hybrid model were still being worked out. She also noted that Abel Montoya had resigned as county manager, and that Senior Planner Strohminger was still out on medical leave. She also introduced April Nielsen, the new code compliance official/permit tech, to the group.

Chair Jeney also offered comments regarding that word is getting around the county is now enforcing short-term rental regulations.

Adjourn

Commissioner Wrobel made a motion to adjourn at 8:51 p.m., and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Arrington. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Laura Azevedo Jeney, Chair