



**Gilpin County Planning Commission  
Meeting Minutes**

**August 10, 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, Melissa Harless, Kurt Duncan, Art Fuqua, Roxann Goss, Andrea Wrobel
- Absent: Shannon Arrington
- Staff Present: Tami Archer, Planner; April Nielsen, Code Enforcement Official; Nate Whittington, Emergency Operations Manager

**Agenda Review:** Chair Jeney reviewed the agenda, noting that the most recent version of the lighting regulations would be discussed. She also noted that an email from Bill Merline in regards to the lighting regulations was received too late to include in discussion. Chair Pro-Tem Haxel moved to approve the agenda as presented, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Fuqua. The motion passed unanimously.

**Minutes Review:** The minutes from the July 13, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Harless moved to approve as presented and was seconded by Chair Pro-Tem Haxel. The motion passed unanimously.

**New Business: None**

**Old Business:**

**A. Lighting Regulations – Section 4.12**

Chair Jeney asked if the commissioners had an opportunity to review the most recent revision. Commissioner Wrobel proposed to go through the suggested lighting revisions section by section. There was discussion on each section with minor grammatical and formatting changes suggested. After review and revising all sections there was discussion of whether to take to a public hearing on September 14, 2021, and it was agreed that the document is ready for a public hearing. There was no further discussion.

**B. Wildfire Regulations**

Chair Jeney discussed the rules regarding a continuance, noting the option for an indefinite postponement. Indefinite Postponement would remove the original motion and allow for gathering new information; to schedule a public hearing; and formulate a new motion based on new information and new public input. A motion to postpone



indefinitely was made by Commissioner Duncan and was seconded by Commissioner Fuqua. The motion passed unanimously.

Nate Whittington, Office of Emergency Management, gave a presentation regarding the current hazard mitigation plan efforts being undertaken by his office. Chair Jeney proposed a special work session. Emergency Operations Manager Whittington recommended a collaborative effort. Staff was directed to reach out to Boulder County, Clear Creek County and Grand County to see if they would be willing to collaborate with this board.

**Public Comment:**

Chair Jeney opened the public comment period at 9:00

Bill Merline, 86 Spruce Way, offered comments on his appreciation of the modified proposed lighting regulations, as well as additional comments on wildfire mitigation.

**Staff Updates:**

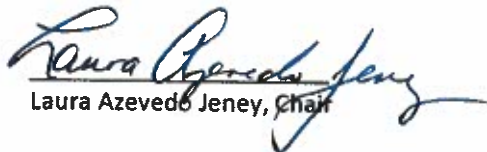
Chair Jeney noted that there were no applications for the vacant commissioner position and that the advertisement would be ran again. She also suggested that this commission consider revisiting the comprehensive plan at a later date. She noted that the currently adopted zoning regulations are at best disorganized and need to be addressed, perhaps section by section.

Planner Archer noted that representatives from the Summit County Community Development Department were going to join the October meeting to discuss Summit County's transfer of development rights program. She also noted that enforcement efforts have begun with the short-term rental annual operating permit program and compliance is coming slowly. There was discussion regarding the OWTS requirements of the STR regulation, and it was suggested that they be addressed perhaps in November.

**Adjourn:**

Chair Pro-Tem Haxel made a motion to adjourn at 9:13 p.m., and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Goss. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Laura Azevedo Jeney, Chair