MINUTES- PLANNING COMMISSION

*NOTE: The public was invited to attend the public hearing via Zoom Link.

Commissioners present: Fall, Heaton, Barrett. Absent: Sharp, Ellis

Staff Present: Interim Deputy Director, Ed Prestley; Assistant Planner, Mitchell Wexler; Recording Secretary, Deborah Rogge

CALL TO ORDER:
Chair Fall called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: During the Public Comment period members of the public may address the Planning Commission on any matter not listed on the agenda that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Planning Commission. Public comment was opened and being there were no speakers public comment was closed.

REGULAR CALENDAR:

Item 1. Minutes: Approve meeting minutes from February 23, 2023 and March 23, 2023

By motion made and seconded (Heaton/Barrett) to accept 3-0 the minutes of February 23, 2023 as presented. March 23, 2023 minutes continued to next meeting, lack of present commissioners.

Item 2: IN-LINE AMPLIFIER BUILDING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (P-23-01): A request to place a pre-manufactured fiber optic equipment building in a fenced-in gravel yard with a standby generator. This structure will function as an in-line amplifier for the signal traveling on the Digital 299 broadband fiber optic project. The project is evaluated in a California Public Utilities Commission adopted Environmental Assessment and Initial Study Mitigated Negative Declaration. The project is located at 44670 State Hwy 299, Junction City, CA 96048. APN 024-010-045-000. Applicant: N. Schroeder. Planner: M. Wexler.

Public comment was heard for Tom Ballanco, Douglas City and being there were no other speakers public comment was closed.

By motion made and seconded (Heaton/Barrett) and approved by roll call vote, 3-0 the Planning Commission adopts PC Resolution 2023-05, with the included findings of approval, and subject to the conditions listed in Exhibit A.

Roll call vote: Barrett-aye, Heaton-aye, Fall-aye

Item 3: HOUSING ELEMENT PROGRAM 1.1: 25-FT. HEIGHT LIMIT REVIEW: Staff Presentation of the existing Multiple Family Residential (R-3) District height limit. This review is part of Program 1.1/2/8 of the Trinity County 2019-2024 Housing Element. Location: Countywide. Planner: M. Wexler

By motion made and seconded (Heaton/Barrett) by roll call vote 2-1 the Planning Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors amend Section 17.18.060 of the Trinity County Code to change the height limit from 25 feet to 45 feet for Multiple Family District (R-3).

Roll call vote: Barrett-aye, Heaton-aye, Fall-no
PLANNING COMMISSIONERS REPORT: Commissioner Heaton inquired about the Limited Density Rural House Ordinance. Interim Deputy Director Prestley stated that the ordinance is on file at state level, and we do not need their approval. There a couple of items being worked out with county council and the building department with a goal of about 2-weeks to get it finalized.
Chair Fall was sorry she missed Skylar’s last meeting, but glad that she will be able to continue working with her in her new position as Fire Safe Council Coordinator at TCRCD.

PLANNING DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Interim Deputy Director Prestley gave an update on the recruitment for an associate planner and clarified the difference between and assistant and associate level planner and that the county has expanded its recruitment area. General Plan is moving along with Mitchell and Ed as principal staff working with Minter-Harnish.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Planning Commission adjourned at 7:01 pm.

Submitted by: Deborah Rogge, Recording Secretary

Ed Prestley, Interim Deputy Director Planning & Building
Secretary of the Planning Commission