

TRINITY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Special Meeting
Thursday, April 7, 2022
Trinity County Library Conference Room
351 Main St. Weaverville, CA

Chairman William Sharp
Vice Chairman Duncan McIntosh
Commissioner Carol Fall
Commissioner Rory Barrett
Commissioner Todd Heaton

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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

Commissioners present: Sharp, McIntosh, Barrett, Fall and on ZOOM: Heaton (joined at 6:25 p.m.)

Staff Present: Interim Director Lisa Lozier; Cannabis Division Director, Sean Connell; Asst. Planner Skylar Fisher; Admin. Coordinator Deborah Rogge; Admin. Coordinator Melissa Metrivski

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Sharp called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. due to ZOOM link issue.

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 opened at 6:12 p.m., and being there were no speakers, public comment was closed.

SPECIAL CALENDAR:

Item 1: ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT-ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TRINITY COUNTY CODE SECTION 17.43h CANNABIS STOREFRONT RETAIL The purpose of this agenda item is for the Planning Commission to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors regarding an ordinance amending the Trinity County Code Title 17 to provide for, regulate and establish licensing and application criteria for the use of commercial Cannabis retail storefront premises. The proposed Cannabis storefront retail ordinance applies to a licensed retailer selling adult-use recreational cannabis or cannabis products to the end user or customer. Storefront retail premises are proposed to be allowed in the following zone districts where commercial activities are allowed: Highway Commercial (HC), Retail Commercial (C-1) and General Commercial (C-2). County Wide Review

Public comment received from: Sadie Fagan, Weaverville; Norma Oldberry, Weaverville; Will Shaw, Junction City; Chad Smith, Junction City; Susa Bryant, Weaverville; Jordan Casper, Trinity County; Chris Williams, Weaverville; Adrian Keyes, Hayfork; Marie Peterson, Hayfork; Heidi Carpenter-Harris, Trinity County; Jennifer Hanson, Humboldt County; Tekla Johnson, Weaverville; Amber Carman, Weaverville; Andrew Franklin, Junction City; Kathrine Sideman, Lewiston; Andy Johnson, Weaverville; John Brower, Junction City; Karla Avila, Junction City; Tammy Brazil, Douglas City; Dana Hauser, Hayfork; Shawn Elliot, Lewiston; on ZOOM: Lelehnia, Humboldt County; Ken Hamik, Humboldt County; Laurie Wills, Lewiston; Veronica Kelley-Albiez, Douglas City; Amanda Barragar, Junction City; Liz McIntosh, Junction City; Tyler Thompson, Burnt Ranch; David Albiez, Douglas City; Ryan Tarbell, Hayfork; Deidre Brower, Junction City; Nancy Anderson, Lewiston; Lisa Wright, Lewiston; Jeff Ghidella, Zinia; Kerry Hurley, Trinity County; Scott Watkins, Hayfork; Helen Stone, Trinity County. Being there were no other speakers public comment was closed.

By motion made and seconded (Fall/Sharp) to “Continue Retail Storefront ordinance to address the following issues: Retail in Opt-Out areas, Conditional Use permit requirement, 1000’ setback from sensitive site receptors, delete 17.41, list criteria for local first strategy, redefine the definition to include “medical”.

Continued discussion resulted in a competing motion.

By subsequent motion made and seconded (McIntosh/Barrett) and approved by roll call vote of 3-2 that: The Planning Commission recommends that the Trinity County Board of Supervisors consider the following recommendations from the Commission for the ordinance:

- Extension of Opt-Out restrictions to include Retail Storefront by area to be decided by the Board of Supervisors
- Mirror setback requirements with State Law (1,000’ for onsite consumption/ 600 without)
- Conditional Use Permit to be presented to the Planning Commission

- Add the word "MEDICAL" to definition
- Develop a Local First Strategy for Trinity County

And that the Board of Supervisors make the following findings:

- a. The Trinity County Board of Supervisors finds the project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) by the common-sense exemption 15061(b)(3) which applies only to projects where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.
- b. Adopt the recommended findings listed in Resolution 2022-03; and
- c. Recommend the Trinity County Board of Supervisors introduce, waive the reading of, and adopt a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of the County of Trinity to include Section 17.43H - Cannabis Storefront Retail Ordinance, identified as Zone Amendment DEV-20-02

Subsequent Motion Roll Call Vote: Barrett-Aye, McIntosh-Aye, Heaton-Aye, Fall-No, Sharp-No

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS REPORT: Commissioner McIntosh stated that he is the northern representative of the California Planning Commissioners Association, and invite his fellow commissioners to the 2023 California Planning Commissioners Association state conference in Pleasanton California in October. Commissioner Barrett commented to a concern of a constituent in his district on receiving his license.

PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT: No report.

ADJOURNMENT: The Planning Commission adjourned at 10:14 pm.

Submitted by: Deborah Rogge, Administrative Coordinator



**Lisa Lozier, Interim Director
Secretary of the Planning Commission**