TRINITY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Special Meeting
November 16, 2023 at 6:00p.m.
Trinity County Library Conference Room
351 Main Street, Weaverville, CA

Chair: Comnr. Dist. 1 Carol Fall
Vice-Chair: Comnr. Dist.5 Todd Heaton
Commissioner Dist. 2 William Sharp
Commissioner Dist. 3 Rory Barrett
Commissioner Dist. 4 Don Ellis

MINUTES- PLANNING COMMISSION

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

Commissioners present: Fall, Heaton, Sharp (via Zoom), Barrett, Ellis

Staff Present: Deputy Director, Ed Prestley; Cannabis Division Director, Drew Plebani, Recording Secretary, Vidette Mayer, Recording Secretary, Bear Banonis

CALL TO ORDER:
Chair Fall called the meeting to order at 6 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 heard from: Tom Ballanco-Douglas City, and being there were no other speakers public comment was closed.

SPECIAL CALENDAR:

Item 1: ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT – AMEND TRINITY COUNTY CODE SECTION CHAPTER 17.43 (DEV-23-04): The purpose of this agenda item is for the Planning Commission to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to adopt an ordinance amending Trinity County Code (TCC) Title 17, Section (§) 17.43 to revise the following code sections to allow for the County to meet its obligation, to allow for stacking of medium (Type III) licenses. No other ordinance revisions are to be considered at this time. Comprehensive ordinance amendments are on track to be completed in early 2024. Countywide review. Staff: D. Plebani.

Public comment was heard from: K. Sidman, N. Schaedler-Moore, A. Keys, L. Wright, T. Ballanco, J. Brower, V. Kelley-Albeiz, R. Tarbell, M. Jefferson, B. Porter and being there were no other speakers, public comment was closed.

By motion made and second (Fall/Sharp) and approved by roll call vote 4-1 the Planning Commission moves to

a. find that the amendment to Chapter 17.43 Section(s) (§) 17.43.010, 17.43.030, and 17.43.040., pursuant to the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, is a "later activity" associated with the Cannabis Program EIR, as defined by subsection (c) of Section 15168, in that (i) all impacts associated with the approval of this project are within the scope of environmental review previously studied, and (ii) the requirements and mitigations required by Chapter 17.43 and 17.43G of the Trinity County Code, adequately serve to mitigate the impacts associated with approval of this project, it adequately evaluates all potential environmental impacts, and can be appropriately tiered within the Trinity County Cannabis Programmatic Environmental Impact Report.; and

b. the Board of Supervisors approve an ordinance to amend the Zoning Code of the County of Trinity as identified in Resolution No. 2023-13 Zone Amendment (DEV-23-04); and
c. to amend 17.43.020 to include: 17.43.010(J) the County will allow a total of five hundred and thirty licenses.

Roll call vote: Sharp – Aye, Fall – Aye, Barrett – No, Ellis – Aye, Heaton – Aye

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS REPORT:
Chair Fall inquired about opt-out process. Commissioner Heaton talked about doing a walking tour of Weaverville and being pleasantly surprised at all it had to offer.

PLANNING DIRECTOR’S REPORT: None

ADJOURNMENT:
The Planning Commission adjourned at 7:04 pm.

Submitted by: Bear Banonis, Recording Secretary

Ed Prestley,
Deputy Director Community Development Department
Secretary of the Planning Commission