

MEETING MINUTE SUMMARY
MOUNTAINOUS PLANNING DISTRICT PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, May 2, 2019 4:00 p.m.

Approximate meeting length: 1 hour 37 minutes

Number of public in attendance: 3

Summary Prepared by: Wendy Gurr

Meeting Conducted by: Commissioner Despain

***NOTE:** Staff Reports referenced in this document can be found on the State and County websites, or from Salt Lake County Planning & Development Services.

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners	Public Mtg	Business Mtg	Absent
NEIL COHEN		x	
NICOLE OMER			x
TOD YOUNG		x	
LINDA JOHNSON		x	
DON DESPAIN (CHAIR)		x	
LAYNEE JONES (VICE CHAIR)			x
JAMES PALMER		x	
CHRISTIE HUTCHINGS			x

Planning Staff / DA	Public Mtg	Business Mtg
Wendy Gurr		x
Jake Young		x
Zach Shaw (DA)		x

BUSINESS MEETING

Meeting began at – 4:07 p.m.

- 1) Approval of Minutes from the April 4, 2019 meeting.

Motion: To approve minutes from the April 4, 2019 meeting, with Commissioner Johnson requesting more detail when talking about the general plan when things are agreed and disagreed with.

Motion by: Commissioner Johnson

2nd by: Commissioner Palmer

Vote: Commissioners voted unanimous in favor (of commissioners present)

- 2) Annual Planning Commissioner Training

Zach Shaw provided annual training on Utah Open and Public Meetings Act, and open meeting requirements.

- 3) Katie Gibble with State DNR to discuss wildfire issues.

Ms. Gibble said she is the acting area manager for the Wasatch Front. Her agency is concerned about issues regarding FCOZ, threat of wildfire in lower elevation (which can be helped by removal or thinning of trees), and the risk of dying trees at higher elevation. She discussed the Community

wildfire preparedness plan, which outlines implementation of the cooperative wildfire system, mitigation, prevention and preparedness work. This plan happens at the county level or local HOA level. Municipalities are required to participate.

Ms. Gible said they are in the process of working with every municipality in the state. A Commissioner noted that the mountainous area is controlled in part by Salt Lake City water people, and the question was asked for suggestions on what the MPD can do. Ms. Gible said Salt Lake City adds an extra level of complexity; the solution involves removal of a lot of trees and at the very beginning. Need to coordinate with the DNR to make sure trees are suitable for the future. DNR said perimeter of 30 feet is defensible space and expands beyond lot lines into forest service land. Forest service will expand up to 150 feet. A Commissioner noted that CWC is proposing more wilderness area, and thinks before they make new wilderness, they should consider limits that may present on wildfire mitigation. She is working with a private property owner to create defensible space in case the wilderness moves closer to his property.

Ms. Gible spoke about Big Cottonwood Canyon CWPP and draft for countywide CWPP. Countywide is in the process of being implemented, including sections for Community overview, risk assessment, and identifying fire risk reduction goals. Both plans are in progress. 150-foot perimeter is for all forest service land but excludes wilderness land and her specific property she is speaking about is up Millcreek. Permit to remove wood is \$30 and get four quarts of wood pulled out of the perimeter. Active CWPP inquired about for Parleys and Lambs, Mt. Aire. Discussion of expanding FCOZ defensible space beyond 30 feet, like the forest service, to 150 feet, to reduce wild fire fuels.

Forest service flies over the mountains every year to identify where the beetle kills. and to track their movements; the management solutions are a hot topic. Alpine fur kill is high along the Wasatch Front and a solution to remove all the trees is not feasible. Mapping should be part of the general plan or a resource.

Ms. Cameron asked if the Brighton CWPP is being done and do they not have their own. Robert and Dominick help through the process. The Forest Service has the option to do 150 feet this year and if successful they have the option to go to 300 feet. Mr. Young asked what the minimum defensible space is.

4) Other Business Items (as needed)

MEETING ADJOURNED

Time Adjourned – 5:44 p.m.