



County of Los Alamos

Minutes

Planning and Zoning Commission

1000 Central Avenue
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Michael Redondo, Chair; Melissa Arias, Jean Dewart; Jessie Dixon; Ashley Mamula; Craig Martin; Larry Warner; and April Wade, Commissioners

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

5:30 PM

Council Chambers
1000 Central Avenue

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

April Wade was present.

Present 7 - Commissioner Arias, Commissioner Redondo, Commissioner Dixon, Commissioner Mamula, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Wade and Commissioner Warner

Absent 1 - Commissioner Dewart

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Redondo requested the appointments of members to the Board of Adjustment be added to the business section of the Agenda. Motion approved unanimously.

4. PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION BUSINESS

- A. Minutes from the Planning And Zoning Commission Meeting(s) on January 10, 2018.

Attachments: [A - Draft Minutes for January 10, 2018.](#)

I move that the Commission approve the Minutes for January 10, 2018.

- B. Planning and Zoning Commission Workplan for FY 2109

Attachments: [A - WorkPlan FY19](#)

Work Plan FY19 was discussed and Chair Redondo requested an addition of a rdiscussienn of a possible evision to Los Alamos County Code of Ordinances Chapter 16-52(a).

5. COMMISSION/DIRECTOR COMMUNICATIONS

Board of Adjustment Appointments:

Chair Redondo nominated Craig Martin and Commissioner Dixon nominated Jean Dewart to serve on the Board of Adjustment. The vote was unanimous that the nominated members are recommended to Council for appointment the Board of Adjustment.

A. Department Report**i. Discussion of Draft Sign Code Changes; Tamara Baer, Planning Manager**

Attachments: [B - Draft Sign Code.pdf](#)
[A - Sign Code Memo for P&Z discussion .pdf](#)
[C - Maps.pdf](#)

Tamara Baer, Los Alamos County Planning Manager, presented to the Commission the draft sign code. She said that the Supreme Court case Reed V. Gilbert deemed content on signs as freedom of speech and any content based regulation was unconstitutional. Ms. Baer highlighted the major changes made to the code.

Commissioner Mamula asked if regulations for Electronic Message Centers (EMC) were going to change mostly in the regulation of the night illumination of signs. Ms. Baer said that no changes will be made to the dark sky aspect of signage meaning that no obvious glare can be present.

Commissioner Martin asked if signage for trails and open space will still be allowed as well as kiosks on County Property. Ms. Baer said they would be allowed under the exemptions section.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45.

B. Chair's Report**C. Committee Reports****D. Board of Adjustment Report****E. Commissioner's Comments****6. PUBLIC COMMENT****7. ADJOURNMENT**

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