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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING HELD ON Wednesday, October 9, 2019

A regular board meeting of the Cochise County Planning and Zoning Commission was held on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Wayne Gregan, Vice Chair; David Koch, Member; Kim DePew, Member; Patrick Greene, Chairman; Pat Edie, Member; Jim Martzke, Member; Carmen Miller, Member

Absent: Nathan Watkins, Member; Gary Brauchla, Member

Staff Present: Daniel Coxworth, Development Services Director
Brit Hansen, Deputy County Attorney

Chairman Greene called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

THE ORDER OR DELETION OF ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AT THE MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL (Introduce Commission members and explain quorum and requirements for taking legal action).

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MONTH'S MINUTES

There was no discussion on the minutes. Member Gregan made the motion. Member Martzke seconded the motion. Chairman Greene abstained.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC – Pursuant to A.R.S . § 38-431.01 (H) this is an opportunity for the public to comment. Individuals are invited to address the Commission on any issue within the Commission's jurisdiction. Since Commissioners may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda, Commission action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

There was no member of the public wishing to speak.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. SU-19-06 (Douglas) The Applicant requests a Special Use Authorization to approve a firearms range and training facility.

Mr. Kirschmann presented a PowerPoint presentation that is preserved in the file.

Chairman Greene asked and received confirmation that the applicant has already been operating. Mr. Greene then asked if the County can require the Applicant to carry insurance. Mr. Hansen responded no because that is not a land use issue.

Member DePew asked what the Home Occupation permit entail. Mr. Kirschmann explained that the Home Occupation Permit was for gunsmithing and that the firearms would require some test firing on the exiting range. The owner also uses the range for their personal use.

Member Gregan asked about who will do the inspections and monitoring of the site. Mr. Kirschmann responded that a non-residential permit is required, and the various county departments will review the application and determine if it meets the requirements in regard to berms, lead abatement, and flood issues.

Chairman Greene asked how long classes have been operating at the location. Mr. Kirschmann responded approximately one year. Mr. Green asked what is stopping the applicant from expanding the classes or opening the range to the public. Mr. Kirschmann replied that any expansion requires

Member Koch asked and received confirmation that berms are required on the sides and down range,

Chairman Greene called on the Applicants to the podium.

Applicant Dean Douglas, property owner and applicant. Mr. Douglas provided background information on his business operations and spoke in favor of the request.

Applicant Jim Martin, with Raven I-5 Tactical Training provided his experience and spoke in favor of the request.

Mr. Mike Hayhurst, Mr. Ben Susman, Mr. Bartholomew Kelleher, Mr. Michael Schenk, Ms. Joy Banks, Mr. Fred Banks, Mr. Francisco Ortega, Ms. Cecil McGinty, Mr. Jeremy McGinty, Ms. Cindy McGinty, Ms. Cameron Bortle, Mr. Martin Bortle spoke in opposition to the request.

Mr. James Allen Douglas spoke in favor of the request.

Mr. Douglas responded to the comments and emphasized that they will comply with the decision of the Commission.

Chairman Greene asked the applicant about the operations of the range.

Member Gregan asked why they can not use the Sierra Vista Range. Mr. Douglas responded that they can not do some of the specialty training needed at that range.

Member Martzke asked and received confirmation if a rangemaster is onsite.

Member Miller asked if it is possible to use silencer on the weapons. Mr. Douglas explained that there is process that must go through to obtain them, even in a training situation.

Member Gregan asked if the applicant would be willing to clean up the lead that is offsite. Mr. Douglas responded that he would, however not all the lead is his. HE went on to state that he would be willing to make his range open to the public.

Member Gregan discussed his concerns about the berm and if someone will certify the berms. Mr. Kirschmann stated that due to the amount of earthwork that is required an Engineer will likely be required to prepare the plans, but it is unlikely that anyone can guarantee that the berm will be able to stop all rounds.

Chairman Greene called for a motion.

Member Gregan made a motion to approve the item. Member Edie seconded.

Chairman Greene expressed his concern about approving the items.

Member Martzke also expressed his concerns about this particular location.

The motion in unanimously denied.

Motion by Vice Chair Wayne Gregan, Second by Member Pat Edie

Vote: 0 - 7 Disapproved

PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT, INCLUDING PENDING, RECENT AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' ACTIONS.

CALL TO COMMISSIONERS ON RECENT MATTERS.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Greene adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

APPROVED:

Patrick Greene, Chairman

ATTEST:

Daniel Coxworth, Development Services Director

