



MEETING MINUTE SUMMARY

MOUNTAINOUS PLANNING DISTRICT PLANNING COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, January 4, 2024 3:00 p.m.

Approximate meeting length: 51 minutes

Number of public in attendance: 26

Summary Prepared by: Wendy Gurr

Meeting Conducted by: Commissioner Staker

***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
James Palmer			x
Nicole Omer	x		
Don Despain	x		
Burke Staker (Vice Chair)	x		
Sarah Reale	x		
Daniel Schoenfeld	x		
Mackenzie Sorenson (Chair)			x
John Knoblock	x		

Planning Staff / DA	Public Mtg	Business Mtg
Wendy Gurr	x	
Brian Tucker	x	
Jim Nakamura	x	
Trent Sorenson	x	
Bob Thompson	x	
Lisa Hartman	x	
Helen Peters	x	
Jason Wolf	x	
Ryan Anderson	x	
Zach Shaw (DA)	x	

Hearing began at – 3:01 p.m.

OAM2023-001008 - (Continued from November 16, and December 21, 2023) An ordinance repealing and replacing Title 18 of the Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances, 2001, entitled “Subdivisions,” in order to update the title to reflect state legislative changes, changes to the planning and development service provider for Salt Lake County, and to otherwise update Salt Lake County policy on subdivisions to reflect better principles of planning, efficiency, and affordability; and making other related changes. **Presenter:** Brian Tucker and Zach Shaw (Motion/Voting)

Commissioners, counsel, and staff had a brief discussion regarding design standards and recommended changes to block standards, including the minimum length reduced. Also discussed lot standards restrictions or flexibility on square or rectangle lots, larger subdivisions and additional cross streets being necessary. Open space requirements won’t change as a result. Street vacation provisions were also discussed, including issues of compensation and taxability.

Motion: To recommend approval on file #OAM2023-001008 An ordinance repealing and replacing Title 18 of the Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances, 2001, entitled “Subdivisions,” in order to update the title to reflect state legislative changes, changes to the planning and development service provider for Salt Lake County, and to otherwise update Salt Lake County policy on subdivisions to reflect better principles of planning, efficiency, and affordability; and making other related changes to the County Council of the proposed ordinance and findings of planning staff.

Motion by: Commissioner Omer

2nd by: Commissioner Knoblock

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

OAM2023-000994 – (Continued from October 19, November 16, and December 21, 2023) An ordinance amending the following sections of the Salt Lake County Code of Ordinances, 2001: 19.12.020 (permitted uses in the FR zone), 19.12.030(g)(conditional uses in the FR zone), and 19.54.020 (permitted uses in the FA zone) to have distinct regulations in the FR and FA zones with regards to animal uses and their associated impacts on adjoining properties, the environment, and the well-being of animals; and making other related changes. **Presenter:** Brian Tucker and Zach Shaw (Motion/Voting)

Commissioner Schoenfeld joined the meeting at 3:23pm.

Comments from chat:

from Kim Z to everyone: 3:25 PM

Notes for MPD public hearing 1/4/23 from Hi Country II Resident Kim Zacherson 14594 S. Rose Cyn. Rd.:

The staff report said only a few people will be affected by this zoning change. S.L. Co. code defines ephemeral stream as: "Those channels, swales, gullies, or low areas that do not have flow year-round."

Response: If we must have a 50' setback to ephemeral streams, that affects most of us. We live in the mountains.

One of the claims, horses do not have E. coli in their digestive tract, has been circulating throughout the discussion around the Rose Creek impairment. This claim is not consistent with scientific articles published on the topic.

Response: From the CDC: (E. coli) bacteria normally live in the intestines of people and animals. Most E. coli is harmless and actually are an important part of a healthy human intestinal tract. We have sent numerous proof that horses don't carry the harmful type of E. coli. It is mostly from the wildlife, deer, turkeys, coyotes, cougars, etc.

Staff report said, some who expressed opposition to the ordinance seemed to be more comfortable with the proposed ordinance after having gained a greater understanding that the ordinance will not place prohibitions on their animal and other rights to the degree that they had feared.

Response: This is not true. There is only one resident who is not opposed to this new ordinance.

The Jordan River E. coli TMDL study by Utah Dept Water Quality suggests that Rose Creek is polluting the Jordan River with E. coli. The highest samples were generally observed in the months of June-October.

Response: We've also sent proof that Rose Creek doesn't meet the Jordan River and that is diverted to crops in Herriman from June – October.

Also in the State Div Water Quality report: The Rose Creek assessment Unit will need to have 83% reductions in E. coli concentrations to meet water quality standards.

Response: How is this possible with all of the wildlife living around it?

Limiting our ability to have horses in Hi Country will not have the effect that the state is seeking.

Commissioners, counsel, and staff had a brief discussion regarding permitting, runoff and drainage to meet water quality standards, repair riparian zones, enforcement by citizen complaints, protected watershed and property rights, stormwater focus, e. Coli contamination variety on water quality from humans and animals, water from drainage basin making it to the Jordan river, approaching Herriman regarding animal consistency and compatibility, slope requirements, and ephemeral streams.

Break from 3:39 to 3:44

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Motion by: Commissioner Schoenfeld

2nd by: Commissioner Despain

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

Commissioner Staker adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Time Adjourned – 3:52 p.m.