



MEETING MINUTE SUMMARY
MOUNTAINOUS PLANNING DISTRICT PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, June 20, 2024 3:00 p.m.

****Meeting minutes approved on November 21, 2024****

Approximate meeting length: 38 minutes

Number of public in attendance: 3

Summary Prepared by: Wendy Gurr

Meeting Conducted by: Commissioner Sorenson

***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	x	
Don Despain			x
Burke Staker (Vice Chair)	x	x	
Sarah Reale	x	x	
Daniel Schoenfeld	x	x	
Mackenzie Sorenson (Chair)	x	x	
John Knoblock			x
Dallas Bullock			x
Bonnie McAllister			x

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

BUSINESS MEETING

Meeting began at – 3:02 p.m.

- 1) Approval of the April 18, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes. (Motion/Voting)
Motion: To approve the April 18, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes as presented.
Motion by: Commissioner Staker
2nd by: Commissioner Schoenfeld
Vote: Commissioners voted unanimous in favor (of commissioners present)

- 2) Other Business Items (as needed)
No other business items to discuss.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

Hearing began at – 3:03 p.m.

OAM2024-001119 - An ordinance amending Title 9, entitled “Health and Safety” and Title 19, entitled “Zoning” of the Salt Lake Code Of Ordinances, 2001, to provide greater consistency with the Wildland-

Urban Interface Code (“WUI”) in the following areas: 1) revision of chapter 9.90 to clarify the scope of WUI in unincorporated Salt Lake County, the officials who implement WUI, and the process for creating defensible space; 2) revision of the Foothills And Canyon Overlay Zone (FCOZ) to clarify interaction between WUI and FCOZ; 3) revision of chapter 19.94 to provide penalties for failure to comply with WUI; and making other related changes. **Presenting:** Brian Tucker and Zach Shaw (Motion/Voting)

Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District Planning Manager Brian Tucker provided an analysis of the amendment and proposed changes.

Commissioner Omer motioned to open the public Hearing, Commissioner Staker seconded that motion.

PUBLIC PORTION OF HEARING OPENED

Speaker # 1: Citizen

Name: Bill Clayton

Address: Wasatch Resort at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon

Comments: Mr. Clayton said he is speaking on behalf of several neighbors. He likes the idea of squaring the defensible space. Three things to add to the changes: First, private roads in the community area were deforested, and there has been enormous re-growth with narrow roads, and he envisions potential hazards; he requests adding enablement to create a reasonable zone along private roads to allow vegetation management. Second, removal of diseased trees from fungus, bark beetle, etc. should be allowed. He likes the ability to remove trees from private property. Third, with land above buried utilities, don’t want to replace trees on top of the utility.

Speaker # 2: Citizen

Name: Ed Marshall

Address: 6451 Millcreek Canyon Road

Comments: Mr. Marshall said the definition of WUI geographic area is presented as a clearer definition. The current definition, where all areas within FCOZ are in the WUI area, presents a dilemma where all existing property is arguably subject to WUI. Ordinance should just apply to all undeveloped areas. If the definition should be broad, keep in mind it applies to all WUI codes.

Commissioner Omer motioned to close the public Hearing, Commissioner Staker seconded that motion.

PUBLIC PORTION OF HEARING CLOSED

Commissioners, staff, and counsel had a brief discussion regarding fire issues and defensible space, removal of and replacement of dead and diseased trees, WUI developed and undeveloped areas, driveways and private roads, allowing tree removal to adjoining private roads and what is the area of buffer feet, creation of areas above defensible space and avoiding replacement above buried utilities and parking strips and the ramifications of the same, giving discretion to staff as issues come forward and challenges that poses without concrete standards, and limits of disturbance and placement of clustered trees.

Motion: To recommend approval to County Council with staff recommendations of file #OAM2024-001119 An ordinance amending Title 9, entitled “Health and Safety” and Title 19, entitled “Zoning” of the Salt Lake Code Of Ordinances, 2001, to provide greater consistency with the Wildland-Urban Interface Code (“WUI”) in the following areas: 1) revision of chapter 9.90 to clarify the scope of WUI in unincorporated Salt Lake County, the officials who implement WUI, and the process for creating defensible space; 2) revision of the Foothills And Canyon Overlay Zone (FCOZ) to clarify interaction between WUI

and FCOZ; 3) revision of chapter 19.94 to provide penalties for failure to comply with WUI; and making other related changes. Also recommend that staff produce a study on private roads.

Motion by: Commissioner Staker

2nd by: Commissioner Reale

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

Commissioner Reale motioned to adjourn, Commissioner Staker seconded that motion.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Time Adjourned – 3:40 p.m.