

**TOWN OF DEWEY-HUMBOLDT
PLANNING & ZONING ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 10, 2014, 6:00PM**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE DEWEY-HUMBOLDT PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION WAS HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2014, AT TOWN HALL AT 2735 S. HIGHWAY 69, DEWEY-HUMBOLDT, ARIZONA. CHAIR DEWITT PRESIDED.

1. **Call To Order.** The meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m.
2. **Opening Ceremonies.**
 - 2.1. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Made.
3. **Roll Call.** Commissioners Claire Clark, Jeff Siereveld, Barry Smylie and Chair Tammy DeWitt were present. Commissioner Dee Parker was absent.
4. **Disclosure of Ex Parte Contacts.** None.
5. **Informational Reports.** None.
6. **Planner's Update on current events and activities.** No discussion, deliberation or legal action can occur.

Town Manager Kimball spoke on the new staff at this meeting and introduced the new Community Development Coordinator, Connie Dedrick. Ms. Dedrick made her introductions.

7. **Consent Agenda.**
 - 7.1. **Minutes.** Minutes from the May 8, 2014 Planning & Zoning Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Smylie made a motion to approve the Minutes from the May 8, 2014, Planning and Zoning Regular Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Clarke. It was approved unanimously.
8. **Discussion Agenda – Unfinished Business.** Discussion and Possible Action on any issue which was not concluded, was postponed, or was tabled during a prior meeting.

None.
9. **Discussion Agenda – New Business.** Discussion and Possible Action on matters not previously presented to the Commission.

9.1. Initial Discussion of Town Code pertaining to Animals. Council direction to review the town code for animal clean-up, animal structures, kennels and addressing exotic animals.

Commissioner DeWitt read the agenda item then gave the floor to Ms. Dedrick to give an overview on this agenda item.

Ms. Dedrick explained Council directed staff and P&Z to look over the parts of code pertaining to animals: to review animals, structures for animals, missing links, missing definitions and look at code for exotics. Ms. Dedrick explains the State regulates exotics but definition could be put in place that would direct people to the State's regulations. Council directed the Commission to do what they did with the sign code.

Commissioner Clarke spoke on what Council had directed P&Z on for the sign code: make it more user friendly, simpler, easier to read and understand, restrictions lessened, more business friendly, simple and clear for lay-people.

Ms. Dedrick spoke on a sign-up sheet being circulated for a possible informal meeting for the public/citizens to come and give input on this matter. She spoke on information provided in the packet for definitions from other rural communities (Chino Valley and Camp Verde), and how to establish a process if wanting to have a kennel.

There was discussion on getting more direction from Council due to the complexity of the issue and the need to receive feedback from the community during this process.

Commissioner Siereveld commented that the existing codes right now should be modified due to the expansion of the town; ordinances that aren't enforced should be enforced or modified (more or less restrictive); identifying those issues to begin this process; getting feedback from those people attending the meeting.

Public comment was taken on this item.

Alice Nolan spoke on her history in the town; being a hobby breeder; being a responsible pet owner; D-H vision to be a community where citizens can enjoy their lifestyle; how other municipalities handle this.

Vickie Wendt spoke on her history in the town; being a hobby breeder; the County's regulations; the town being limited on Manufacturing/Industrial zoning.

Charlotte Taylor spoke on why she purchased land in the area (for her horses and goats) and not being happy about incorporation because it might impose more restrictions. She spoke on the allowed number of animals per acre and not wanting that decreased; concerns for devaluation of her property.

Debbie Pomeroy introduced herself as an AKC liaison. She spoke on D-H being a unique community; the General Plan vision; advised they not bring in other town's codes; having pet friendly ordinances and not taking away rights of property owners; using nuisance ordinances instead of restricting animals (counts).

Public comment was closed at 6:44 p.m. when no further comments were received.

No further discussion from the commission was received. Chair DeWitt explained they would pass these comments along to the Council.

10. Public Hearing Agenda. None.

11. Comments from the Public. None.

12. Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned 6:45 p.m.

Tammy DeWitt, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Judy Morgan, Town Clerk