

**TOWN OF DEWEY-HUMBOLDT
TOWN COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION MINUTES
MAY 10, 2016, 2:00 P.M.**

A STUDY SESSION OF THE DEWEY-HUMBOLDT TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016, AT TOWN HALL AT 2735 S. STATE ROUTE 69, DEWEY-HUMBOLDT, ARIZONA. MAYOR TERRY NOLAN PRESIDED.

1. **Call To Order.** The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m.
2. **Roll Call.** Town Council Members Arlene Alen, Jack Hamilton, Dennis Repan, Nancy Wright; and Mayor Terry Nolan were present. Mark McBrady and Vice Mayor Doug Treadway were absent.
3. **Study Session.** No legal action to be taken.

Council reached consensus to allow public comment on each agenda item.

3.1. Medical Marijuana update from the Attorney, and Community Planner Steven Brown's Analysis and next steps.

Community Planner/Code Officer (CP/CO) Steven Brown spoke to the receipt of correspondence from the Town Attorney indicating that after three years of being frozen in place, marijuana dispensaries are now going to have the option to move, and the town might be well-advised to examine their regulations and determine if the regulations do what the Town wants them to or if there are changes to be made. CP/CO Brown presented a PowerPoint presentation of his review of the local regulations including Zoning and Building Codes; Ordinance 153.205 Medical Marijuana Code Sections; and Maps of Potential Medical Marijuana Sites. In conclusion, CP/CO Brown presented three options for the Council to consider i.e. Option 1 - Do Nothing; Option 2 - Tighten or refine current regulations; Option 3 - Loosen the current regulations.

There was Council discussion and questions, with the Council consensus to not making any changes or revisions until the outcome of the propositions at the state level are known.

No public comment was received.

3.2. FIREWISE Program Update and direction to proceed with next steps.

CP/CO Brown gave an update on the FIREWISE process to date. CYFD has performed an assessment of the northeast Foothills area and Blue Hills Subdivision. CP/CO Brown reviewed his PowerPoint presentation going over the two zones selected. There is a meeting on June 3, 2016, to encourage residents of the two neighborhoods to attend an organizational meeting to establish committees. There is need for this to be a community project, due to staff restraints. At said meeting, committees would be established along with an Action Plan. Once the certification is completed, it has to be renewed every year. There is need to keep heightened community interest on an ongoing basis. CP/CO Brown gave an overview on the attachments supporting his presentation. He pointed out that some insurance companies are offering discounts for those that participate in these types of programs and try to reduce their risks by participating in FIREWISE. The FIREWISE program should not be confused with another grant that is supported by CYFD. CP/CO Brown asked for Council approval to send the letters of invite to the organizational meeting. There was Council consensus to move forward.

Public comment was taken on this item.

Victoria Wendt spoke to feeling that the FIREWISE program is phenomenal and encourages the Town to participate, with the exception of one thing. Ms. Wendt spoke to

a recently established ordinance that requires fingerprints and background checks of committee members and what effect that could have on a volunteer committee.

CP/CO Brown clarified that this would be a volunteer committee, not Council appointed, so the open meeting rules as far as background checks and fingerprinting would not apply.

3.3. Tasking Planning & Zoning to research and recommend boundaries and parameters for the creation of a Local Historic District in D-H. [CAARF requested by CM Alen]

Councilmember Alen stated that she brought this to Council seven years ago as the Vice Chair of the Planning & Zoning Commission, and is now bringing it back. CM Alen spoke to the community being very interested in maintaining the integrity and history of the community. She recommended having the Planning & Zoning Commission review the creation of a local historic district and recommend options for creating said district.

There was council discussion regarding size of the district; possible grants; and whether this should be a Planning & Zoning Commission function or a Town Council function.

Public comment was taken on this item.

Phillip Conley spoke to his background with the museum and archeology, sharing his knowledge of the process for historic districts and preservation of historic sites.

There was Council consensus to task the Planning & Zoning Commission with determining a viable area for a historic district, bringing the plan back to Council.

4. Special Session. Legal action can be taken.

4.1. Whether to hold additional special session(s) this month. This is an established agenda item for Council's discussion on whether to add an additional special study session and if so, to set the date.

Council has an additional meeting (budget workshop #2) scheduled for 5/24/16, no further meetings were scheduled.

5. Adjourn.

Adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Terry Nolan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Judy Morgan, Town Clerk