

**WESTCLIFFE PLANNING COMMISSION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8th, 2019
REGULAR MEETING**

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CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Snow called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Snow led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Chairman Snow, Mr. Carter, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Wenke

Absent: Ms. Parkes

Others present: Marilyn Hennessy-333 Mission Way, Westcliffe.

For the record The Mayor and one or more Trustees may vote on matters that come before the Planning Commission and the Board of Trustees.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Mr. Wenke moved and Mr. Fulton seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Continued review of proposed architectural control guidelines.

Mr. Fulton asked if there could possibly be a non-town person, resident, business that could be on the Architectural Control Committee? Mr. Carter said that the Planning Commission is able to have anyone they choose to be on the committee. Chairman Snow said that it sounds like there are a lot of general questions that needs to be answered such as requirements vs guidelines, will this pertain to old Main Street and or other streets. She asked that the Architectural Committee flushed out the questions and come back to the planning commission next month.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Discuss Parklets for the town.

Mr. Carter asked the board to google parklets to see just what they are and if it would be a good fit here in Westcliffe. This area would be about 15-16 feet wide, from the curb to the traffic lane. It would be level with the curb with rails around the area. We would lose a couple of parking spaces if we put in the parklets. Chairman Snow thought it might be a good idea, because it would make the downtown area look inviting and fun.

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NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

b. Discuss possible changes at the Bluff Park.

Mr. Carter said that Dark Skies is wanting to make some changes at Smoky Jack Observatory and will present it to the planning commission. They would like to expand their operation down around the observatory with several concrete pads for telescopes and seating, something like an Amphitheater. Also, Dark Skies would like to do a Solar System Walk throughout the two towns. They talked about installing a roundabout at the intersection of Main and Adams Blvd. and placing a large dome in the middle of the roundabout. This would be one of the planets, but Mr. Carter said this would cause problems with children and adults wanting to do hands on possibly running into traffic to get to the planet. There were ideas from the board regarding the trail around the bluff and what it could be placed around it. Mr. Wenke suggested putting in an educational/nature trail for the children and adults, or a train for the children to go from one destination to another. It was suggested that maybe there could get a grant from DOLA or GOCO to help with the projects. Mr. Carter said that San Isabel Land Protection Trust Board already has plans for the Bluff area. Mr. Carter will speak with SILPT Board and also the Bluff Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marilyn Hennessy requested that the podium be moved to one side of the room so the audience could hear the speaker. This would help those that are hearing impaired.

Ms. Hennessy talked about the RV Park that is supposed to go on the East side of Mission Plaza. She is concerned with the town de annexing the lots into Silver Cliff. Mr. Wenke let Ms. Hennessy know that the town has no say on the de annexation of the Westcliffe lots. It is solely up to the owner of the lots to decide if they want to keep them in Westcliffe or annex them in to Silver Cliff.

Mr. Wenke moved and **Mr. Fulton** seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Recorded by:
Wanda Jennings
Deputy Clerk