



Archuleta County Development Services Department
ARCHULETA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Archuleta County Planning Commission Minutes, Regular Meeting October 28, 2020

The Archuleta County Planning Commission held a meeting on Wednesday October 28, 2020 at the Archuleta County Commissioners Meeting Room, 398 Lewis Street, Pagosa Springs, Colorado. Chair Parker called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

Commissioners in attendance:

Anita Hooton, David Parker, Luke McCauley.

Staff in Attendance:

Brad Callender, AICP CNU-A, Development Director; Pamela Flowers, Planner; Jamie Jones, Administrative Assistant

Public in Attendance:

Stacie McDonald, Justin Davis, Zhenia, Mitchell Martin, Carleen Mangold, Brian Mangold, Niara Isley, Chelsea Schubnell, Catherine Craig, Charley Branson

Consent:

Mr. Callender informed the Commissioners that he would be leaving his position as the Archuleta County Development Director for a position in Georgia. He thanked the Commissioners for their work and indicated that Pamela Flowers would be filling in as Interim Director until a permanent decision is made. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Callender for his support during his time with the County.

Minutes for the June 24, 2020 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Hooton moved to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner McCauley seconded. Vote 3-0 Aye.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Public Hearing of a Board Conditional Use Permit for Visionary Broadband at 1683 Kleckner Lane, Pagosa Springs (PLN20-163)

Mr. Callender presented his staff report regarding this project. Visionary Broadband proposes to install a telecommunications tower at 1683 Kleckner Lane, which is owned by the Hinsdale County Board of County Commissioners and currently houses their road maintenance facility.

Chairman Parker offered the applicant time to make comment, who stated he would prefer to wait and be ready to answer questions if any arose. Chairman Parker then opened the floor to public comment limiting them to three (3) minutes each person. Several County residents provided comments against the tower due to health concerns related to 5G signals. The applicant explained that this tower is for broadband internet, not 5G or any other cellular service.

Commissioner Hooton moved to recommend approval for the BCUP. Commissioner McCauley seconded. Vote 3-0 Aye. Motion Passed.

Public Hearing of a Board Conditional Use Permit for Visionary Broadband at 483 Cliffside Pl, Pagosa Springs (PLN20-164)

Mr. Callender presented his staff report regarding this project. Visionary Broadband proposes to install a telecommunications tower at 483 Cliffside Pl in the Pagosa Peak Estates subdivision, which is owned by Ann Jenkins Rohrbacher, Laura Rohrbacher Moore, and Timothy Sean Moore. Existing use is a single-family residence.

Chairman Parker offered the applicant time to make comment, and he again deferred to public comment and questions. Chairman Parker then opened the floor to public comment limiting them to three (3) minutes each person. Several residents provided comments against the tower due to health concerns related to 5G signals. The applicant again explained that this tower is for broadband internet, not 5G or any other cellular service.

Commissioner McCauley moved to recommend approval for the BCUP. Commissioner Hooton seconded. Vote 3-0 Aye. Motion Passed.

Public Hearing of a Board Conditional Use Permit for Visionary Broadband at 155 Travis Pl, Pagosa Springs (PLN20-165)

Mr. Callender presented his staff report regarding this project. Visionary Broadband proposes to install a telecommunications tower at 155 Travis Pl in the Pagosa Alpha Section subdivision, which is owned by Brian G. and Carleen A. Mangold, Trustees of the Mangold Family Trust dated January 21, 2020. Existing use is a single-family residence.

Chairman Parker offered the applicant time to make comment, and he again deferred to public comment and questions. Chairman Parker then opened the floor to public comment limiting them to three (3) minutes each person. Several residents provided comments against the tower due to health concerns related to 5G signals. The applicant again explained that this tower is for broadband internet, not 5G or any other cellular service. Additionally, property owners of an adjacent parcel, Michael and Annette Udvardi, each provided comments against, alleging that the property owner's association did not properly consider the comments of all property owners in the subdivision before approving the project and no other locations were considered. The Mangold's then commented about the process stating that the proper procedures were followed.

Commissioner Hooton asked the applicant if they had considered other locations. Applicant explained why the location was chosen, and described the small size of the tower and planned efforts to conceal once built. Commissioner asked Mr. Callender if the HOA followed the proper procedures, and he indicated that he does not know what their covenants require so he could not determine that with the information he had at hand.

Commissioner McCauley moved to recommend approval for the BCUP. Chairman Parker seconded. Vote 2 Aye and 1 Nay (Commissioner Hooton). Motion passed.

Public Hearing of a Board Conditional Use Permit for Visionary Broadband at 1122 US Hwy 84, Pagosa Springs (PLN20-166)

Mr. Callender presented his staff report regarding this project. Visionary Broadband proposes to install a telecommunications tower at 1122 US Hwy 84. The parcel is owned by the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners and houses county offices and the road and bridge maintenance facility.

Chairman Parker offered the applicant time to make comment, and he again deferred to public comment and questions. Chairman Parker then opened the floor to public comment limiting them to three (3) minutes each person. No comments were received.

Commissioner Hooton moved to recommend approval for the BCUP. Commissioner McCauley seconded. Vote 3-0 Aye. Motion Passed.

Member Comments:

None

Next Meeting:

Regular Meeting, January 27, 2021, 6:00 pm

Adjourn: Commissioner McCauley moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. Commissioner Hooton seconded. Vote 3-0 Aye.

Approved this 24th day of February, 2021

Pamela Flowers
Development Director

David Parker
Chairman