



**City of Buena Vista
Planning Commission – City Council
Minutes of July 19th 2018
Joint Public Hearing**

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BUENA VISTA**
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Members of the Buena Vista Planning Commission met in Council Chambers, 2039 Sycamore Avenue, at 6:00 p.m. on July 19th 2018 along with members of the Buena Vista City Council. A quorum of both bodies was established.

Planning Commission Members Present:

Dennis Hawes, Chairman
Sandy Burke
Lucy Ferrebee
Melvin Henson, City Council
Guy Holstein
Preston Manuel
Bradyn Tuttle

City Council Members Present

Bill Fitzgerald, Mayor
Tyson Cooper, Vice Mayor
Steve Baldrige
Stanley Cooper
Melvin Henson
Daniel Staton

Planning Commission Members Absent:

Michael Ohleger, Vice-Chairman
Jay Scudder, Ex Officio member

City Council Members Absent

Lisa Clark

Staff Present:

Tom Roberts, Director of Planning & Community Development
Jay Scudder, City Manager
Brian Kearney, City Attorney
Dawn Wheeler, Clerk of Council

Public Hearing

Comprehensive Plan text amendment to designate an Urban Development Area (UDA) within the City of Buena Vista for the purpose of advancing transportation planning. The entire City would be designated as a single UDA, which will make the City eligible for planning grants as well as Smartscale construction funding through VDOT.

Chairman Dennis Hawes of the Planning Commission opened the Public Hearing by saying they want to amend the Comprehensive Plan to designate an Urban Development Area with the City of Buena Vista. This amendment will make us eligible for funds but it does not obligate us to use the funds. The only thing that will have to be done is putting the amendment into the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Tom Roberts, Director of Planning and Zoning, explained that this amendment is just a planning tool. The designation will help us become eligible for grants. The reason for the joint Public Hearing is the deadline for the designation snuck up on them. The Urban Development area is a concept of identifying an area of a locality to make transportation and walkability improvements.

There was no public comment, and Chairman Hawes closed the Public Hearing.

Commission Discussion

Following the hearing, the Planning Commission recessed to the General District courtroom to discuss and vote. Mrs. Burke made a motion to approve the comprehensive plan amendment as presented, Mr. Manuel seconded, and the motion passed 4-0. Mr. Henson abstained because he remained in the Council meeting. Mr. Scudder abstained because he remained in the Council meeting.

Approval

Chairman

Date