Susanville Planning Commission Minutes
April 12, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL: Commissioner DeBoer, Commissioner Robinette, Commissioner Sturgeon, Vice Chair Westbrook and Chair Jambois.

2. PLEDGE:

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Motion by Commissioner DeBoer, second by Commissioner Robinette to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carries: Ayes: DeBoer, Robinette, Westbrook, Sturgeon and Jambois.

4. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: None

5. CONSENT ITEMS:
   5.A. Receive and file minutes of the special November 30, 2021, and February 2, 2022, minutes.

   Motion by Commissioner Deboer, second by Commissioner Sturgeon to approve the November 20, 2021, special minutes. Motion carries: Ayes: DeBoer, Sturgeon, Robinette, Westbrook, and Jambois.

   Motion by Commissioner Westbrook, second by Commissioner Sturgeon to approve the special February 2, 2022, minutes. Motion carries; Ayes: Westbrook, Sturgeon, DeBoer and Jambois. Abstain: Robinette.

6. PUBLIC HEARING: Consider approval of Resolution No. 22-1092, Use Permit application to allow for an Emergency Shelter that would permit up to 49 people with nightly sleeping accommodations in an existing commercial building in a C-2 General Commercial/Shopping Center zoning district.

Public Hearing opened at 6:36 p.m.

Mr. Mumper explained this was the two-year progress report for Crossroads. The City Planning, Building and Fire Departments recently conducted an inspection on March 30, 2022. There have been zero complaints or calls for services to-date. During the inspection, staff did find one issue with an extension cord coming from the ceiling needing to be housed and put in a receptacle.

Mr. Mumper added the City applied for three grants offered through COVID relief funding and was awarded the Public Services application, which will be used to purchase a walk-in freezer for Crossroads.

Concluding his report, Mr. Mumper stated it is staff's recommendation to approve Resolution 2022-1092.

Cheri Farrell, Crossroads Director, said in 2021, there were 212 unduplicated people who stayed in the shelter and equaled 2,893 bed nights. Crossroads does not just provide shelter, but offers a place to shower, do laundry and get meals.

Out of the 212 people who stayed in the shelter, 51 people have obtained permanent housing and Ms. Farrell complimented the County housing department for its assistance. Since January 2022, to date, there have been 88 unduplicated people who have stayed in the shelter.

Ms. Farrell thanked the Commission for the last two years and explained they have made new policies to better services and provide better care for those coming in on a transient basis.

Andy Shively shared his story of how Crossroads Ministries gave him a second chance and success does come from it.

A second man told his story of homelessness and how he went through a Crossroads program, found housing and is involved in several community groups.

Russ Bates spoke of how Crossroads helped him and that it provides a service no other place provides. He encouraged the Use Permit be made permanent as Crossroads has proven itself.

Mike Hernandez, Crossroads' registered alcohol and drug technician, also urged the Use Permit be made permanent and stated it would be honored and respected.

Public Hearing closed at 7:10 p.m.

There was some discussion regarding the Resolution and Mr. Mumper explained the six-month progress report had been removed. However, being a Use Permit, staff has the authority to bring the applicant back to any special or regularly scheduled meeting at the direction of staff or request of the Planning Commission. Due to how well the applicant has done at each of the milestones, it was going to be a little much to keep bringing them back every six months.

Commissioner DeBoer said he has never seen anything negative that he had to bring attention to the authorities, and he is 100 percent for the Resolution.

Chair Jambois said he has watched Crossroads grow and become more of an influence in this town and he is glad to see the impact it makes on peoples' lives. People come into unfortunate circumstances in their life, and he has seen some remarkable transformations. He commented about a specific city that removes homeless people when they show up, but it doesn't take care of the problem.

Motion by Commissioner DeBoer, second by Commissioner Robinette to approve Resolution 22-1092. Motion carries: Ayes: DeBoer, Robinette, Sturgeon, Westbrook, and Jambois.

7. NEW BUSINESS: None

8. CORRESPONDENCE: None

9. COUNTY REFERRALS: None

There was general discussion regarding code enforcement, the upcoming meetings schedule and a question about changing the Planning Commission meeting to 5:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn: Motion by Commissioner Robinette, second by Commissioner Sturgeon to adjourn at 7:37 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

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Signed, Chair Wayne Jambois

Respectfully submitted by,

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Ruth McElrath, Building Permit Technician

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Heidi Whitlock, City Clerk

Approved On: May 12, 2022