

LAKE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

March 14, 2024

Commission Members

P John Hess, District I
A Everado Chavez, District II (VChair)
P Batsulwin Brown, District III
P Christina Price, District IV (Chair)
P Maile Field, District V

Staff Members

P Mireya Turner, Director
P Michelle Irace, Principal Planner
P Nicole Johnson, Deputy County Counsel
P Ruby Mitts, Office Assistant III
P Danae LoDolce, EH OA III

9:02 a.m. CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Christina Price

VERIFICATION OF LEGAL NOTICES(S)

The clerk reported items were properly noticed.

ACTION ON MINUTES

Comm. Brown moved, 2nd by Comm. Field to approve the minutes from February 22, 2024. Comm. Brown, Field and Price voted in favor. Comm. Hess abstained from the vote; Comm. Chavez absent.

CITIZEN'S INPUT

No one present wished to speak.

9:05 a.m. Presentation and Overview of Lake County 2050

Director Mireya Turner spoke to the comprehensive update to the 2008 General Plan and all eight of the County's Local Area Plans (i.e., "Lake County 2050").

PlaceWorks Inc., Planning Consultants Tanya Sunberg, and Jacqueline Protsman Rohr provided a presentation on "Lake County 2050".

9:41 a.m. Opened Public Hearing

The following people spoke: Deputy Community Development Administrator Shannon Walker-Smith, Tami Alexa, Amanda Jo Samson, Pamela Coleman, Amy Zingone, Dawn Kennedy, Amanda Collins, Roberta Lyons, Larry Galupe, Betsy Cawn, Margaux Kambara and Mike Wink.

10:06 a.m. No one else present wished to speak and the public hearing was closed.

This item was informational only, no motion was made.

10:06 a.m. Chair Price called for a recess.

10:13 a.m. Chair Price reconvened the meeting.

10:13 a.m. **Public Hearing on consideration of proposed Major Use Permit (UP 20-33), and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS 20-39), for cultivation of 304,710-sf of outdoor commercial cannabis canopy; Applicant: Meili Liu/Liu Farms; Located: 8531 High Valley Road, Clearlake Oaks (APN: 006-003-34).**

Assistant Planner Trish Turner presented the staff report.

10:21 a.m. Opened Public Hearing

The following people spoke: Applicants Meili Liu, Merriam Keshner, Dan Rush, Maria Kann, Denise Orpustan-Love, and Donna Mackiewicz.

10:43 a.m. No one else present wished to speak and the public hearing was closed.

Principal Planner Michelle Irace commented on several changes to the Conditions of approval (added text is noted in underline):

A2: The permittee shall submit an updated property management plan, prior to cultivation.

E1: Should any archaeological, paleontological, or cultural materials be discovered during site development, all activity shall be halted within 100 feet of the find(s), the applicant shall notify the culturally affiliated Tribe(s), and a qualified archaeologist to evaluate the find(s) and recommend mitigation procedures, if necessary, subject to the approval of the Community Development Director. Should any human remains be encountered, the applicant shall notify the Sheriff's Department, the culturally affiliated Tribe(s) and a qualified archaeologist for proper internment and Tribal Rituals per Public Resources Code Section 5097.98 and Health and Safety Code 7050.5 (Mitigation Measure CUL-1).

M1: Should any archaeological paleontological, or cultural materials be discovered during site development, all activity shall be halted within 100 feet of the find(s), the applicant shall notify the culturally affiliated Tribe(s), and a qualified archaeologist to evaluate the find(s) and recommend mitigation procedures, if necessary, subject to the approval of the Community Development Director. Should any human remains be encountered, the applicant shall notify the Sheriff's Department the culturally affiliated Tribe(s), and a qualified archaeologist for proper internment and Tribal rituals per Public Resources Code Section 5097.98 and Health and Safety Code 7050.5 (Mitigation Measure CUL-1).

Staff recommended continuing this item to March 28, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. to allow time for possible additional Tribal input.

Comm. Field moved, 2nd by Comm. Hess to continue this item to March 28, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

11:19 a.m. Director Mireya Turner provided department updates.

11:23 a.m. **ADJOURNED**


Christina Price, Chair
Lake County Planning Commission

Respectfully submitted,


Ruby Mitts,
Planning Commission Assistant