

**Minutes of the Ouray Planning Commission  
August 14, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jeff Skoloda called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Planning Commissioners present for roll call were Chairman Jeff Skoloda, Vice Chair Tamara Gulde, Commissioner J. Gary Dunn, Commissioner Tom Tyler and Commissioner Ann Morgenthaler.

Present on behalf of the City of Ouray staff were City Administrator Katie Sickles, Community Development Coordinator Chris Hawkins and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Beverly Martensen.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Gulde moved and Commissioner Tyler seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the July 10th Regular Planning Commission meeting. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

**CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS**

James Pilkington, 44 Whispering Pines Drive – handed out copies of the summer 2018 issue of Shelter magazine and referenced Samantha Tisdel Wright's article on co-housing development in Ridgway. Would like to see the Planning Commission consider this approach in developing community and culture.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Consideration of a conditional use permit for an axe throwing tourist attraction located on a portion of the Daisy Placer; Section 25, Township 44, Range 8; MS #2236.

Chris Hawkins reminded the commission that they had already discussed this attraction at another location. This would be a temporary location, while applicant continues to pursue the original site. He also reminded the commission that active attractions had been approved as a conditional use in the C-1 and C-2 zone districts.

Andy Carrie, 1099 County Rd. 14 – The applicant described the sport and the National Axe Throwing Federation which defines the rules and standards for the sport. He discussed the safety of the sport and indicated that an axe throwing venue is managed the same as a gun shooting range with the same safety standards. He stated waivers will be signed by all customers and all employees will be fully trained in safety standards and trained to detect and remove individuals who are not appropriate to participate.

After Planning Commission deliberation, Commissioner Tyler moved and Vice Chair Gulde seconded the motion to approve a conditional use permit for an axe throwing tourist attraction with the following conditions:

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1. The portable toilets will be screened from Highway 550 with a minimum 6 foot high wood fence as shown on the submitted site plan.
2. The hours of operation shall be from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM.
3. The Applicant shall obtain a sign permit for the use consistent with the Sign Regulations prior to installing a sign on the property.
4. The Applicant and property owner shall sign an indemnification agreement with the City concerning rockfall and the proposed use in a form set forth by the City.
5. This conditional use permit shall be valid through 2019. The Applicant may request an extension of the conditional use permit prior to expiration through a public hearing that is noticed in accordance with the conditional use permit public hearing noticing requirements.
6. The City will confirm the access permit for the proposed use of the property prior to the use commencing. If required, the Applicant will obtain a new access permit prior commencing the use.
7. The Planning Commission may require additional site improvements as a part of any Conditional Use Permit extension, such as landscaping and parking lot surfacing.
8. If the terms of this Conditional Use Permit or City law are violated, then the use will be re-evaluated by the Planning Commission in a publicly noticed hearing.

A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Short Term Lodging Regulations**

Discussion was conducted between the commissioners and members of the short term rental advisory committee.

Hawkins discussed that the Planning Commission had expressed the desire for simpler regulations. He researched regulations in other municipalities and redrafted the short term rental regulations proposed by the short term rental committee with the intent of simplifying the regulations.

There was considerable discussion regarding the short term rental committee's decision not to recommend restriction or limit of short term rentals. The committee and the Planning Commission agreed that a permitting process would help in regulating short term rentals.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:22 p.m. Chairman Skoloda moved and Vice Chair Gulde seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved.