

MINUTES OF THE SPECIALLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE
TRINIDAD PLANNING COMMISSION
Tuesday, October 30, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL (5:00 pm)

Commissioners Present: Graves, Stockness, Johnson
Commissioners Absent: None
Staff: Planner Parker

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

*Motion (Johnson/Graves) to approve the agenda.
Passed unanimously (3-0).*

III. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no items from the floor.

IV. AGENDA ITEMS

1. General Plan Update: Update and discussion of current status, next steps and review of new draft Circulation Element. *Continued from the October 17, 2018 meeting.*

Staff Report

Parker states that she has no new information or materials to present. She notes that the Circulation Element was introduced at the previous meeting, but due to time constraints, the Planning Commission had only reviewed Section A, Introduction.

Commissioner Comments/Questions

Commissioner Graves suggests picking where they left off last time, starting with Section 2, Existing Conditions.

Commissioner Stockness expresses a concern about street trees and the roadway damage they cause.

Commissioner Graves asks if there are any planned street improvements. Parker responded that she is not sure, but the City Engineer is currently reviewing the Circulation Element. Graves asks about funding sources and expresses concern about the number of programs without identified funding. He suggests that the City needs a long-term plan for infrastructure maintenance. Commissioner Johnson states that his understanding is that improvements are currently done in a piecemeal fashion as funds are available. He suggests getting the Council's input on this issue. Parker suggests that the Commission consider prioritizing the various programs.

Commissioner Johnson notes that the City has an emergency response plan that most people are unaware of and that likely needs to be updated. He suggests

recommending to the Council that they take up this issue. There is a discussion regarding acquiring emergency access to the east on logging roads should Highway 101 become impassible; this is emphasized as being a priority.

Public Comment

Do. Cox (436 Ocean) suggests bringing the Rancheria into the discussion about emergency response. Commissioner Johnson notes that the Casino is already designated as Red Cross base in an emergency. Cox continues, stating that impacts of traffic on small streets needs to be considered, and there needs to be a defined truck route.

Commissioner Discussion

Commissioner Johnson feels that the traffic data is confusing, and the message is therefore lost; the numbers don't match up, and the datasets are different (ADT v. VMT). He suggests additional explanation along with a disclaimer that this is the only data that is available at this time. He also suggests reviewing the highway interchange traffic study to see if there is additional data there.

There is a discussion regarding parking-in-lieu mechanisms and parking surface requirements.

The following edits were made to the text of sections B through G of the Circulation Element:

- Some grammar was corrected, and several minor clarifications made
- Revise parking section to add recently identified encroachments, increased tourism and incremental loss of parking spaces over the years
- Take out the ACS data in the transit section and make the discussion more general
- In general, make references (e.g. ownerships, business names, annual reports, etc.) more general so they don't get outdated as quickly.
- Mention Trails Committee
- Provide the Commission with the Walkability Study that was done
- Add the parking committee findings
- Clarify how parking enforcement will be accomplished
- Update transit information
- Update status of CA Coastal Trail project
- Update the Energy and GHG sections to include new regulations and alternative energy technologies
- Define traffic calming
- Define sharrows

The following modifications were made to specific policies:

- CIRC-1.2.1: add lighting and signage in addition to paving
- CIRC-1.10.1: add "in coordination with HGOAG/HTA"

- CIRC-2.1.2: may need to define 'dual purpose parking'
- CIRC-4.1.1: Take out description of traffic calming measures
- CIRC-4.6: in conflict with CIRC-4.4; take out portion after "community identity"
- CIRC-5.2.3: add "as specified in the zoning ordinance"
- CIRC-5.2.5: replace micro-hydro with alternative energy
- CIRC-6.2.3: clarify

V. STAFF REPORT

Staff had nothing new to report.

VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items were discussed.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45.

Submitted by:

Trever Parker

Acting Secretary to the Planning Commission

Approved by:



John Graves

Planning Commission Chair