MINUTES
PLANNING COMMISSION
TETON COUNTY, WYOMING
September 9, 2019

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 6:02 in the Board of County Commission Chambers with Glen Esnard, Chair, presiding.

ROLL CALL
Planning Commission: Glen Esnard, Karen Rockey, Sue Lurie and Alex Muromcew. Kasey Mateosky was absent.

STAFF: Interim Planning Director Keith Sbiral, Deputy County Attorney Keith Gingery, Assistant Deputy County Attorney John Graham and Principal Planner Hamilton Smith.

MINUTES
A motion to approve the August 12, 2019 minutes was made by Commissioner Rockey and seconded by Commissioner Muromcew. There was no further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA
A motion to adopt the September 9, 2019 agenda was made by Commissioner Lurie and seconded by Commissioner Rockey. There was no further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC:
There were no matters from public.

OLD BUSINESS:
There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:
A) Permit: CUP2019-0003
Applicant: TETON COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE
Presenter: Hamilton Smith
Request: Conditional Use Permit pursuant to Section 8.4.2 of the Teton County Land Development Regulations, to permit an emergency helicopter landing zone in the Teton Village area.
Location: Teton County Village Exaction Parcel, accessed from Apres Vous Road. The property is zoned Public/Semi-Public and is located within the Scenic Resources Overlay.

STAFF PRESENTATION:
Hamilton Smith presented the application to the Planning Commission. Keith Gingery, Deputy County Attorney, clarified that from a zoning standpoint there would be no additional rights provided in the future if this were permitted. Private landings would be pursued by the authorities.

APPLICANT PRESENTATION:
Alex Norton and Teton County Sheriff Matt Carr presented for the applicant. Mr. Norton clarified that the landing zone would be plowed and packed during winter and demarked during that season. He stated that the attendant would be a ski patrol, Teton Village Association employee or Search and Rescue volunteer, depending on who is available.
Matt Carr, Teton County Sherriff, responded to questions. The “no-fly” scenario and chain of communication during an emergency event was described to the Commissioners. He stated the Mission of Search and Rescue was defined as extraction of patients and the landing zone is a requirement for hospital transfer, either by ground or by air. Mr. Carr noted this is not within the purview of Search and Rescue, and necessitates the need for a landing zone, especially under circumstances when the short-haul extraction technique is used. He also noted that transfer of a critical patient may necessitate a transfer to an air ambulance. Mr. Carr stated that the mobile re-fueling unit for the contract helicopter stays at the Teton County Search and Rescue hangar November 1 – May 31.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
There was no public comment.

PC DISCUSSION:
The Commissioners discussed the case.

MOTION
A motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit, CUP2019-0003, was made by Commissioner Rockey and seconded by Commissioner Muromcew. There was no further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

MATTERS FROM COMMISSION:
None.

AGENDA FOLLOWUP:
None.

MATTERS FROM STAFF:
Assistant Deputy County Attorney John Graham was introduced to the Planning Commission.

ADJOURN
Commissioner Lurie moved to adjourn at 6:46 PM. Commissioner Rockey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted: kr

Glen Esnard, Chair

ATTEST:

Keith Sbiral, Interim Planning Director

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