



**CITY OF CORNING
PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2013
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
794 THIRD STREET
CORNING, CA 96021**

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL:

**Commissioners: Reilly
Barron
Poisson
Mesker
Chairman: Robertson**

C. MINUTES:

1. Waive the Reading and Approve the Minutes of the February 19, 2013 Planning Commission Meeting with any necessary corrections.

D. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: If there is anyone in the audience wishing to speak on items not already set on the Agenda, please come to the podium, and briefly identify the matter you wish to have placed on the Agenda. The Commission will then determine if such matter will be placed on the Agenda for this meeting, scheduled for a subsequent meeting, or recommend other appropriate action. If the matter is placed on tonight's Agenda, you will have the opportunity later in the meeting to return to the podium to discuss the issue. The law prohibits the Commission from taking formal action on the issue, however unless it is placed on the Agenda for a later meeting so that interested members of the public will have a chance to appear and speak on the subject.

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MEETINGS: Any person may speak on items scheduled for hearing at the time the Chairman declares the Hearing open. ALL LEGAL NOTICES PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.

F. REGULAR AGENDA: All items listed below are in the order which we believe are of most interest to the public at this meeting. However, if anyone in the audience wishes to have the Agenda order changed, please come to the podium and explain the reason you are asking for the change.

2. General Plan Update Task Force – Public Workshop: Discussion and review of optional General Plan Elements, organization of the General Plan, and evaluation of existing General Plan Goals and Policies.

G. ITEMS PLACED ON THE AGENDA FROM THE FLOOR:

H. ADJOURNMENT:

POSTED: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2013



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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2013
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
794 THIRD STREET
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A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL:

**Commissioners: Reilly
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Mesker**
Chairperson: Robertson

All members of the Planning Commission were present.

C. MINUTES:

- 1. Waive the Reading and Approve the Minutes of the August 21, 2012 Planning Commission Meeting with any necessary corrections.**

Commissioner Reilly moved to approve the Minutes as written and Commissioner Barron seconded the motion. **Ayes: Robertson, Reilly, Barron, Poisson and Mesker. Opposed/Abstain/Absent: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

D. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: None.

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MEETINGS: Any person may speak on items scheduled for hearing at the time the Chairman declares the Hearing open. **ALL LEGAL NOTICES PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**

F. REGULAR AGENDA:

- 2. Initial meeting of the Planning Commission as the General Plan Update Task Force to work with Staff in the preparation of the 2014-2034 Corning General Plan.**

Chairperson Robertson introduced this item by title. City Consultant Planning Director John Stoufer stated the City had received notification of Grant award funding to move forward with the General Plan Update. Mr. Stoufer then introduced Eihnard Diaz, Project Consultant.

Mr. Stoufer stated that although we are trying to go paperless as much as possible, the City will provide you with binders so that you can review the information as it comes in. He further stated the process we will follow as a Task Force, emphasizing that we are required to keep an administrative record containing all documents related to this update. He especially noted that any emails sent between Staff and the Commission, the Public and the Commission, etc. are all public record. Copies of any of these must be sent to both the City Clerk and I so that they will become part of the public record. He also asked that the Commissioners forward copies of any responses to City Clerk Lisa Linnet and him.

Mr. Stoufer reviewed with the Commission the preliminary timeline and informed the Commission that we do have two years to complete, therefore if changes need to be made they can. He stated that the Workshops will be scheduled for the regularly scheduled meeting times (third Tuesday of the Month) and that we will try to keep the meetings to no longer than 1 and ½ hours. He stated that the City plans to set up a public website that will provide information on the General Plan Update and its progress.

Commissioner Barron asked for the contact numbers/emails of Staff.

Mr. Diaz stated the introduction provided tonight will be incorporated into the actual completed Plan; emphasizing that we don't plan on completely reinventing the wheel. It will also become part of a newsletter that will be posted on the website.

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Mr. Stoufer also explained that by law (State) we are required to provide zoning that would allow for homeless shelters, low-income housing, etc.

Commissioner Poisson asked about possible conflict of interest relating to her business connection to the City and in relation to this project. City Clerk Linnet stated that she had relayed the question to the City's Assistant City Attorney and was informed that there doesn't appear to be a conflict.

Mr. Diaz explained the reasoning for updating the General Plan and the purpose of the Plan. He explained it had last been reviewed and updated in May of 1994, with the exception of the 2009-2014 Housing Element that was updated in 2009. He stated that they are proposing to have three separate documents, the General Plan Map and two independent documents containing:

- 1) Existing conditions within the City (statistical information); and the
- 2) Actual Plan that will include the goals, policies and implementation measures (and will include text, exhibits and maps).

Commissioner Robertson asked if copies would be provided at the Library so that people don't necessarily have to purchase a copy. Mr. Diaz stated yes.

John Brewer emphasized the importance to the City Council and Planning Commission of consistency in the Policies, Goals and objectives listed within the General Plan, especially when dealing with developers and possible denial of development projects.

Commissioner Reilly confirmed that the General Plan can only be amended 4 times in one year.

Mr. Diaz stated he and City Staff are proposing utilizing and forming three groups, specifically a **Natural Resources Group**, **Community Organization Group**, and a **Health and Safety Group** to review policies etc.

Commissioner Reilly asked if the Planning Commission could make the recommendation tonight to approve the proposed design of the General Plan Update to have three separate documents; (the General Plan Map, and the two binders...one containing the statistical information and the other the actual Plan which includes the Goals, Policies and Implementation Measures). He was informed yes; they could come to a consensus. Commissioner Barron asked if that would be the easiest for Mr. Diaz and Mr. Stoufer. By consensus they stated yes.

Commissioner Poisson asked if there would be anyone that would argue in favor of one complete document; Mr. Diaz responded that the City could provide a CD for \$10 that has the entire document. Mr. Stoufer further stated that the entire document could also possibly be placed on the website. Commissioner Poisson asked what information Planners would be seeking. Mr. Stoufer stated that they would be looking for the goals, policies and implementation measures. She confirmed that there is no big advantage to them being integrated rather than separated as recommended.

Mr. Diaz asked if they wanted to talk about the proposed elements, explaining that the State requires seven (they are mandatory). He and Mr. Stoufer then reviewed some of the additional proposed elements and asked if the Commission thought that an "Air Quality" element should be included. Commissioner Robertson stated that she thought it should be considered and discussed. Commissioners Reilly and Barron both stated their concerns on how it can be monitored and regulated. Mr. Stoufer also explained some of the impacts related to air quality. Commissioner Poisson stated that she would like more time to review the proposed elements and gain a better understanding before making some type of decision.

Mr. Stoufer stated that he hopes to have a copy of the existing General Plan by the end of next week to each of the Commissioners to review. Mr. Diaz stated that at the next meeting he would like to concentrate on the goals and policies and discuss if they would like to include objectives in the General Plan. Mr. Diaz stated that an objective is a more detailed goal, therefore becoming an objective.

Mr. Diaz and Mr. Stoufer explained that the Housing Element has to be reviewed and updated every 5 years. The revision must then be reviewed and approved by the State. The Housing Element and the General Plan must not conflict or there will be problems with approval by the State.

G. ITEMS PLACED ON THE AGENDA FROM THE FLOOR: None.

H. ADJOURNMENT: 8:03 p.m.

Lisa M. Linnet, City Clerk