

**TOWN OF SILT
MINUTES FOR
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020, 6:30 P.M.**

Call to Order

Chair Classen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Chair Chris Classen
 Vice Chair Lindsey Williams
 Commissioner Eddie Aragon
 Commissioner Marcia Eastlund
 Commissioner Joelle Dorsey
 Alternate Commissioner Brittany Cocina

Absent: Alternate Commissioner #2

Also present at the meeting was Community Development Director Janet Aluise.

Pledge of Allegiance

At 6:30 p.m., the Commission cited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Conflicts of Interest

There were no stated conflicts of interest.

Tab 2 - Consent Agenda

At 6:31 p.m., Vice Chair Williams made a motion to approve the February 18, 2020 Planning & Zoning Commission meeting minutes, as written. Commissioner Eastlund seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Changes

There were no agenda changes.

Tab 3 – Garfield County Referral – Ruiz Minor Subdivision

At 6:32 p.m., Director Aluise reviewed the staff memo for the Commission, stating that the applicants, Esau Ruiz and Samuel Ruiz, propose a minor subdivision of a 35.879-acre parcel

(Parcel # 2179-094-00-002), into three lots measuring 9.789 acres (west lot); 10.015 acres (east lot); and 16.075 acres (middle lot). She explained that the applicants are building a single family home on the portion of the property known as Lot 2, and have requisite permit for that domestic well and septic system. The Town's main concern center around the proximity of these lots to the Silt River Preserve, she stated, as the wildlife conservation easement managed by the Town of Silt and the Aspen Valley Land Trust seeks to preserve wildlife habitat, native and soil-preserving vegetation, and recreational opportunities for the Town residents. These new single-family parcels have great potential to create conflicts with the Silt River Preserve, with respect to fencing, cats, dogs, and weeds. Loose dogs and household/feral cats in the Silt River Preserve could potentially wipe out mammal and bird species. As well, activity on these properties could disrupt the eagle nesting on the Silt River Preserve, as the properties fall within the buffer zone.

At 6:47 p.m., the Commission had consensus for Director Aluise to send to Garfield County a letter that details the Town's concerns about the application, included in the staff mem.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Future Business

There was no future business.

Commissioner and Staff Comments

There were no Commissioner or staff comments.

Adjournment

At 6:57 p.m., Commissioner Eastlund made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Aragon seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.


Chairman Chris Classen


Community Development Director Janet Aluise