

Torrey Town Planning and Zoning Commission
Minutes
January 15, 2020
5:30 PM
Torrey Town Hall

1. Roll Call

- Commissioners present – Mary Bedingfieldsmith, Don Gomes, Aaron Jensen (via phone), Richard Jensen, Tracy Potter
- Commissioners absent – Amanda Brown, Carrie Torrey
- Town Council Liaison present – Pearl Thorndal-Stewart

2. Approve minutes of December 18, 2019 meeting

- Richard moved to approve the minutes. Don seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Terms of current commission and commission officers

- The terms of three commissioners have expired: Tracy, Richard, and Aaron.
- The town council reappointed all three commissioners if they would like to continue. All three commissioners (Aaron, Tracy, and Richard) will continue.
- Their terms will end in January of 2023.
- Mary will continue as chair. Don will serve as secretary beginning with the February meeting. Don will continue to post the agendas.
- The commission will continue to meet the third (3rd) Wednesday of each month. Meetings will be at 5:30 PM during Mountain Standard Time and at 6:30 PM during Mountain Daylight Time.

4. Zoning Discussion

- We discussed all of the comments on Draft 5 of the new zoning ordinance made at the Town Council work session on January 3, 2020. We also reviewed all of the definitions and created draft 6.
- Don moved to send draft 6 to the Town Council. Richard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Mary will type up draft 6 by Thursday, January 16 and send it to the Town Council, Planning Commission, and Town Clerk (Paula Pace). Paula will send it along to the town's lawyer (Richard Chamberlain) and to David Church from the Utah League of Cities and Towns.
- We hope to receive lawyer comments by February 1, 2020.
- Based on those comments, we will set a date for the public hearing or move on to draft 7.
- Draft 6 is attached in separate documents.

5. Water report

- Richard reported that the Fremont Water District water plan is now complete and has been approved.
- This could benefit Torrey if Torrey is eventually able to create water-holding capacity of Sand Creek water. If this were to happen, Torrey residents would be able to use stored water for outside use instead of culinary water.

- Sanitary conditions in overflow camping areas could be addressed through water quality programs.
- Watershed funds could be used to help with noxious weed abatement.
- Richard will get copies of the watershed plan for the commissioners.
- Doug Robinson will most likely present the watershed information to the town council.

6. Planning and zoning training

- Don will contact Meg Ryan with the Utah League of Cities and Towns to find out about training requirements and opportunities.

7. Progress on Economic Development and Building liaison

- Mary met with Paula to discuss contents of the liaison packet. Mary and Paula will contact the four liaisons (Diane Barrett, Sheri Clark, Harry Eubanks, and Ted Winder) to schedule their training.

8. Other

- Richard shared an article entitled “Inclusion by Design.” The article is attached to the minutes.
- The article emphasizes the importance of creating participation opportunities for all people including those with disabilities.
- Following discussion, Tracy moved that the commission recommend that the Town Council designate handicapped parking spaces at the Town Hall and at the Town Pavilion. Richard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Don moved that the Town Council encourage businesses to provide accessibility to persons with disabilities. Tracy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Pearl will take these recommendations to the Town Council.
- Richard asked about the progress on the bike and walking path. Pearl explained the bike path would be created when UDOT resurfaces Highway 24 through Torrey this year. The walking path is still in the works. Don suggested it might need to be completed through the efforts of private individuals, business owners, and community organizations.
- Don reported that The Entrada Institute will have AmeriCorps volunteers in Torrey from March 3 to April 9. Those volunteers will provide labor on a pathway along Entrada’s canal frontage among other projects in Wayne County. Entrada will provide the materials.

9. Comments from public

- No public was present.

10. Our next meeting is February 19 at 5:30 PM at the Torrey Town Hall.

- Don moved that the meeting adjourn. Aaron seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.