

TRINITY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting
July 10, 2025 at 6:00p.m.
Trinity County Library Conference Room
351 Main Street, Weaverville, CA

Chair: Comnr. Dist. 3 Rory Barrett
Vice-Chair: Comnr. Dist. 2 Amelia Fleitz
Commissioner Dist. 1 Carol Fall
Commissioner Dist. 4 Duncan McIntosh
Commissioner Dist. 5 Dan Harper

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***NOTE:** The public was invited to attend the public hearing via Zoom Link.

Commissioners present: Fleitz, Fall, McIntosh, Harper and on Zoom Barrett

Staff Present: CAO, Trent Tuthill; Cannabis Director, Drew Plebani; County Council, Rhetta Vanderploeg; Asst. Planner-Planning, Angel Chappell; Asst. Planner-Cannabis, Nick Martinez; Recording Secretary, Melanie Herron; Recording Secretary, Shyla Smith

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Barrett called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. – Zoom

PUBLIC COMMENT: During the Public Comment period members of the public may address the Planning Commission on any matter not listed on the agenda that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Planning Commission

Public comment was heard from Rhoda Cain–Trinity Center, Michelle Taylor–Coffee Creek (was advised public comment is for items not on the agenda), John Brower–Junction City, Lisa Wright–Lewiston, Ben Kellogg–Weaverville; Zoom – no further comment.

Rhetta Vanderploeg, County Council–Called for a point of order. Commissioner Barret, you as chair are appearing remotely and according to AB 2449 and AB2302 of January 1st 2025, describe the emergency in 20 words why you have to appear remotely to the commission. Family emergency. Approved by Commission.

REGULAR CALENDAR:

Item A: Community Development-Cannabis-Community Development – Cannabis – DEV-25-05 – TCC 17.43.050(A) (7)- Ambiguity Determination (*continued from June 26, 2025*)

No public comment session was opened for this item as public comment was heard at the June 26, 2025 meeting.

By motion made and second (Fleitz/Fall) by roll call vote 2-3 (motion failed) the Planning Commission motions to approve the Resolution PC-2025-09 for DEV-2025-05 the Ambiguity Determination with one correction to the individual to 'Attest'.

Subsequent motion made and second (McIntosh/Barrett): I move that licensed cannabis farmers within the opt out zones who meet the exception identified in Trinity County Code section 17.43.050 (A) (7) are subject to the same regulations and entitled to the same rights as any other licensed cannabis cultivator in Trinity County unless explicitly written into this ordinance. Following the vote of 3-2 to approve, discussion continued on how the commission was amending the Resolution before them. Resulting in the realization that no action was taken on the item before them. Therefore, on recommendation of County Council the subsequent motion was withdrawn by a 5-0 vote. The original motion was then moved to vote.

Roll call: Fall-aye, Fleitz-aye, Harper-nay, McIntosh-nay, Barrett-nay

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS REPORT: Chair Barrett directed staff to place on the agenda a discussion on the Blight issue spoken to during public comment.

PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT: CAO Tuthill commented that with the retirement of Ed Prestley which was effective today, Drew Plebani is appointed Interim Director of Planning and I as CAO will assume the duties of the community development department head responsibilities until such time we can fill the Community Development Department Director position. We also have an open recruitment for the planner position and are in the final stages of the recruitment and plan on providing a tentative job offer.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Planning Commission adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Submitted by: Melanie Herron, Recording Secretary

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Drew Plebani', is written over a horizontal line.

**Drew Plebani, Interim Director of Planning
Secretary of the Planning Commission**