



PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

May 8, 2025

Planning Commission Chairperson Gary Poole called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

The Planning Commission and audience joined in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also, present and seated were Commissioners Jane Lane, Erik Rieger, Angela Lindstrom, Nick Metz and Bret Tueller.

ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Eric Rieger moved to approve March 27, 2025, meeting minutes. Commissioner Nick Metz seconded; a vote was taken and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC MEETING OPENED: 7:02 P.M. – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 13.08.040(A)(6)C. OF THE PARKER MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING CAMPING IN THE FLOODPLAIN

Applicant: Town of Parker
Location: Townwide
Department: Town Attorney, Kelsey Hall

APPLICANT AND STAFF PRESENTATION

Kelsey Hall, Town Attorney presented the staff report proposing to amend Section 13.08.040(a)(6)c. – Sensitive Lands Avoidance of the Parker Municipal Code. The proposed changes will delete existing language regarding the removal, storage, and disposal of property recovered from unauthorized campsites and replace it with a cross-reference to Section 8.07.100 of the Code in order to assure that all property recovered from unauthorized campsites is treated uniformly. Ms. Hall concluded with the determinations in the staff report that the Planning Commission recommend Town Council approve an ordinance to amend the Parker Municipal Code regarding camping in the floodplain.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION WITH STAFF OR APPLICANT

- Commissioner Erik Rieger asked how many abatements occur in a year; *(Police Commander Joe Degenhart did not have an exact number, but last year there were roughly six abatements).*
- Commissioner Nick Metz asked how the decision is made as to what items are thrown away; *(Town Attorney, Kelsey Hall, explained there is a policy, that differentiates between essential personal property which are items that are difficult to replace such as government issued IDs, medications, glasses and electronics. The number of items stored at PD will be limited to about the size of a backpack due to limited space at PD. Essential personal property will be stored for approximated 72 hours after abatement).*
- Commissioner Jane Lane asked if enforcement is a complaint-based system; *(Police Commander Joe Degenhart stated that it is complaint based from the public, but also from the Public Works and Parks Departments. Ms. Hall added that whenever someone is cited or enforced under this code, we do have to offer them resources before any enforcement action takes place).*
- Chairman Gary Poole asked if the support programs are run by the city or county; *(Ms. Hall said that the Town partners with the Douglas County HEART Team to offer several resources).*
- Commissioner Jane Lane mentioned that she lives near Sulphur Gulch, and someone came out to do a bridge inspection. This person stated that the Town of Parker does not have jurisdiction over the bridge; *(Assistant Director – Planning, Bryce Matthews, said that the state tracks the condition of bridges throughout the state and that was most likely an inspector checking the condition of the bridge).*

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PUBLIC MEETING CLOSED: 7:08 P.M. – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 13.08.040(A)(6)C. OF THE PARKER MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING CAMPING IN THE FLOODPLAIN

Commissioner discussion:

- Commissioner Jane Lane said that she likes having one comprehensive way to treat this situation and she appreciates the Town taking the effort to make it consistent.
- Commissioner Erik Rieger agreed. He thinks having uniform policies are better than having a mishmash. He is in favor.
- Commissioner Angela Lindstrom also agrees. She said it is good to have all this cleaned up with specific information. She is in support.

- Commissioner Nick Metz also agreed. He said it is good to have a template to follow so police don't have to make a judgement call in the field and have inconsistency. He supports this.
- Commissioner Bret Tueller is in support.
- Chairman Gary Poole agrees with his fellow Commissioners, and he thanked Kelsey Hall and Joe Degenhart for all they do.

Commissioner Bret Tueller moved the Planning Commission recommend Town Council approve an ordinance to amend the Parker Municipal Code regarding camping in the floodplain. Commissioner Angela Lindstrom seconded, a vote was taken and passed unanimously.

PLANNING COMMISSION ITEMS

None.

STAFF ITEMS

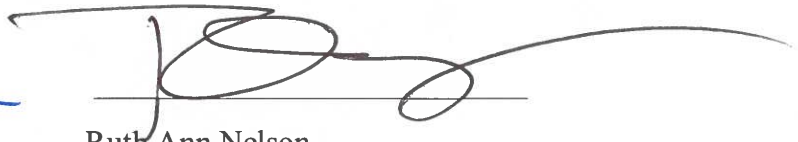
None.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Angela Lindstrom moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Nick Metz seconded the motion, a vote was taken and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.



Jeff Miller
Recording Secretary



Ruth Ann Nelson
Acting Vice Chair