

AGENDA

TOWN OF SNOWMASS VILLAGE PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, June 1, 2016

TIME: 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: Town Council Chambers
130 Kearns Road, Snowmass Village, CO.

ITEM NO. 1: Meeting Minutes from May 18, 2016

ITEM NO. 2: Continued Discussion: Consideration of Resolution No. 7, Series of 2016 finding that the Draft 2016 Community Connectivity Plan (CCP) is consistent with the 2010 Comprehensive Plan and recommending the adoption of the Draft CCP to the Town Council

MISCELLANEOUS Reminder: Joint Meeting with Town Council on State of the Comprehensive Plan, **5:00** p.m. Monday, June 6, 2016

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TOWN OF SNOWMASS VILLAGE

**PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

May 18, 2016

10 Members Present:

11 Jamie Knowlton, Chairman
12 Jim Gustafson
13 Patrick Keelty
14 Doug Faurer
15 Tom Fridstein
16 Jim Anathan

Staff Present:

Julie Ann Woods
Cindy Ford
Anne Martens
John Dresser
Clint Kinney

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18 Members Absent:

19 Teri Hooper

Others Present:

None

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22 Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by Jamie Knowlton,
23 Chairman.

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25 Item 1: Meeting Minutes from May 11, 2016: The Minutes of the 5/11/16
26 meeting were brought up for approval. With a change to the length of time
27 between the Planning Commission's State of the Comp Plan Reports to Town
28 Council and a typo in the footer, Doug Faurer made a motion to approve the
29 Minutes, second by Jim Gustafson and approved by a vote of 6-0.

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31 Item 2: Consideration of Resolution No. 7, Series of 2016 finding that the Draft
32 2016 Community Connectivity Plan (CCP) is consistent with the 2010
33 Comprehensive Plan and recommending the adoption of the Draft CCP to the
34 Town Council: The Planning Commission was advised that Town Council had
35 directed Staff to create a CCP that would focus on pedestrian safety and
36 connectivity between the various nodes in the Village. Anne Martens gave a
37 power point presentation and explained that a consultant had been hired,
38 public meetings and open houses had been held to gather community input as
39 well as gathering input from emergency services, RFTA, and stakeholders. A
40 questionnaire had been posted on the Town's website that community
41 members used to point out the areas that they thought were the most
42 important. When this Draft CCP was presented to Town Council, they directed
43 Staff to present it to the Planning Commission for their input as to whether or
44 not they thought it was compatible with the 2010 Comprehensive Plan.

46 One of the goals of the Comp Plan is to encourage people to use the transit
47 system to get around the Village rather than drive vehicles. Pedestrian
48 crossings on Brush Creek Road, walking paths and sidewalks were all ways of
49 accomplishing that goal; making it easier for pedestrians to get to bus stops at
50 four major intersections was a major concern. The pedestrian crossings at the
51 Town Transit Station, Sinclair Road, Owl Creek Road and Faraway Road were
52 identified as the major crossings to be addressed. Staff showed the conceptual
53 drawings presented by the consultant and how those crossings might look.
54 The Planning Commission discussed how the striping of the road surface and
55 paving of walkways and paths to get riders to the transit stations may not
56 maintain the rural character of the community and that how they are
57 constructed and what materials could be used will be very important to keep
58 that goal.

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60 Staff showed two designs for curb/sidewalks that could connect the Mountain
61 View neighborhood down to the Snowmass Center. There were concerns that
62 this would look too “urban”. It was pointed out that there is a trail up above
63 Brush Creek Road, but it is not a direct route to the Center, is more of a hiking
64 trail and is not plowed during the winter.

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66 The Planning Commission felt that there were elements of the Draft CCP that
67 may not be compatible with the Comprehensive Plan and they were
68 uncomfortable with approving it at this time. The discussion was continued
69 until the June 1st meeting by a motion of Tom Fridstein, second by Patrick
70 Keelty and approved by a vote of 6-0.

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72 Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

MEMORANDUM
COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY PLAN

TO: Planning Commission

FROM: Julie Ann Woods, FAICP/MLA, Community Development Director 

DATE: June 1, 2016

SUBJECT: Community Connectivity Plan Consistency with the 2010 Comprehensive Plan (**continued public meeting**)

ATTACHMENTS: 2010 Town of Snowmass Village Comprehensive Plan (By Reference)
Draft 2016 Community Connectivity Plan (Provided at the May 11th meeting and included here by Reference)

A. BACKGROUND

At the Planning Commission's last meeting, Public Works Director, Anne Martens, presented the draft Community Connectivity Plan (CCP) to the Commission, seeking input on the draft to date. There was much discussion on the specific details of the major road crossings and trail connections, and Anne explained that the designs presented were conceptual in nature and that subsequent design work could incorporate a "softer, more natural" design solution. The Commission suggested that the CCP include a new goal that any improvements take a more "natural" approach as opposed to a more urbanized aesthetic. The draft resolution presented at the last meeting has been modified (**Attachment A**) to incorporate this additional goal articulated by the Commission.

At this continued meeting Anne will go over the remaining parts of the plan that had not been discussed. These include the topics of transit, parking, traffic calming and alternatives for the "skittles" lift. If there is general acceptance of these portions of the draft plan, Anne will summarize the feedback from the Planning Commission and will be prepared to review the draft resolution with the Planning Commission for their consideration.

B. CONSISTENCY WITH THE 2010 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

At the last meeting, Staff provided several references in the Comprehensive Plan that may help the Planning Commission to decide whether the CCP is consistent with that Plan. Many of the references specifically indicate a desire to better connect the Village through alternative transportation (walking, biking, etc.) for use by both residents and guests, while other elements of the plan reference a desire to remain more "natural and rural" in character. **Please bring your last memo to the meeting for reference.**

C. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Planning Commission should listen to the remaining presentation then discuss and evaluate if the draft Community Connectivity Plan is consistent with the policies and objectives put forth in the 2010 Comprehensive Plan. If the Planning Commission determines there is adequate “consistency”, then the Town Staff recommends that the Planning Commission act on draft Resolution No. 7, Series of 2016 (**revised Attachment A**), finding that the draft CCP is consistent with the 2010 Comprehensive Plan, and recommend that the Town Council approve the plan.

Attachments:

- A. Draft Resolution No. 7, Series of 2016

Attachment A
Resolution No. 7, Series of 2016
Recommending the adoption of the CCP to Town Council

TOWN OF SNOWMASS VILLAGE
PLANNING COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 07
SERIES OF 2016

A RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE DRAFT 2016 COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY PLAN (CCP) IS CONSISTENT WITH THE 2010 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND RECOMMENDING THE ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT CCP TO THE TOWN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, the draft Community Connectivity Plan (CCP) was developed to recommend strategies and projects to improve overall connectivity and safety to key destinations within the Town for people biking, walking and taking transit; and

WHEREAS, the CCP identifies projects relating to: crossings of Brush Creek Road, connectivity-related trails and walkways, transit, the Sky Cab (Skittles), parking and traffic calming; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council requested that the Planning Commission review the draft CCP to determine if it is consistent with the 2010 Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the draft CCP against the policies and objectives set forth in the 2010 Comprehensive Plan and determined that there is general consistency with the 2010 Comprehensive Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Planning Commission of the Town of Snowmass Village, as follows:

Section One: Goals. The Planning Commission recommends that a new goal, #9, be added that states:
“#9 When undertaking a design of improvements identified in the plan, the projects need to reflect the natural character of the Village to the greatest extent possible.”

Section Two: Action. The Planning Commission hereby finds that the draft 2016 Community Connectivity Plan is generally consistent with the policies and objectives put forth in the 2010 Comprehensive Plan and recommends that the CCP be adopted by the Town Council.

READ, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Planning Commission of the Town of Snowmass Village on June 1, 2016 upon a motion by Commissioner _____, the second of Commissioner _____, and upon a vote of ___ in favor and ___ against.

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Jamie Knowlton, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Cindy Ford, Planning Commission Secretary