

MINUTES OF THE SOLANO COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting of January 21, 2016

The regular meeting of the Solano County Planning Commission was held in the Solano County Administration Center, Board of Supervisors' Chambers (1st floor), 675 Texas Street, Fairfield, California.

PRESENT: Commissioners Cayler, Walker, Hollingsworth, Castellblanch, and Chairperson Rhoads-Poston

EXCUSED: None

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Yankovich, Planning Program Manager; Nedzlene Ferrario, Senior Planner; Jim Laughlin, Deputy County Counsel; and Kristine Letterman, Planning Commission Clerk

Chairperson Rhoads-Poston called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a salute to the flag. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved with no additions or deletions.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 3, 2015 were approved as prepared.

Items from the Public:

There was no one from the public wishing to speak.

Regular Calendar

Item No. 1.

PUBLIC HEARING to consider Minor Revision No. 2 to Use Permit No. U-90-29 and Marsh Development Permit No. MD-90-05 of **Solano Land Trust** to allow habitat restoration, facility improvements and site utilization for Rush Ranch located at 3521 Grizzly Island Road, Suisun City, in an "A-SM-160" Suisun Marsh Agricultural and "MP" Marsh Protection Zoning District, APN's: 0046-140-040, 050, 060, 070; 0046-150-010, 030; 0046-160-080. The Planning Commission will also be considering adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact as recommended by the Solano County Department of Resource Management. (Project Planner: Nedzlene Ferrario)

Nedzlene Ferrario provided a brief presentation of the written staff report. Solano Land Trust

proposes to construct four habitat restoration projects at Rush Ranch; Goat Island Marsh, Suisun Hollow Enhancement, Upper Spring Branch Creek and Lower Spring Branch Creek. In addition, Solano Land Trust proposes to amend the current use permit to operate special events at Rush Ranch. Facility improvements related to the habitat restoration and the headquarters are proposed such as trails, boardwalk, signage, parking and drainage improvements. The project is consistent with the Suisun Marsh Local Protection Program and the Solano County General Plan. Ms. Ferrario noted that there was modified language to several conditions of approval proposed by staff and she briefly reviewed those modifications. Ms. Ferrario noted that the applicant concurred with the proposed changes. Staff recommended approval of the project.

Commissioner Walker questioned item HAZ-1 on page 92 in the report and the reference it made to the Yolo County Environmental Health Services with regard to remediation. Ms. Ferrario noted that the reference was a typographical error and should be changed to read Solano County Environmental Health Services.

Nicole Bird, Executive Director, Solano Land Trust, 1001 Texas Street, Fairfield, shared with the commission the various activities that take place on the property. Those activities included site tours, school field trips, and educational classes.

Chairperson Rhoads-Poston opened the public hearing. Since there were no speakers either for or against this matter, the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Castellblanch and seconded by Commissioner Hollingsworth to adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Plan and approve Minor Revision No.2 to Use Permit No. U-90-29 and Marsh Development Permit No. MD-90-05 allowing Solano Land Trust to conduct habitat restoration and special events at Rush Ranch subject to the findings and conditions of approval, including the modifications as recommended by staff. The motion passed unanimously. (Resolution No. 4634)

ANNOUNCEMENTS and REPORTS

There were no announcements or reports.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was **adjourned**.