

TOWN OF SILT
REGULAR PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING
January 7, 2025 – 6:30 P.M.
HYBRID MEETING

The Silt Planning and Zoning Commission held their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM.

Roll call	Present	Chair Lindsey Williams Vice Chair Michael Bertaux Commissioner Eddie Aragon Commissioner Vanessa Westmoreland Alternate Dana Wood
	Absent	Commissioner Jennifer Stepisnik Alternate Justin Anderson

Also present: Community Development Director, Nicole Centeno and Town Manager, Jim Mann

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

There was no public comment

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of the December 3, 2024 Planning & Zoning Commission meeting.

Commissioner Aragon made a motion to approve the meeting minutes on the consent agenda, seconded by Vice Chair Bertaux. The motion to approve the consent agenda carried unanimously.

Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

Agenda Changes

There were no proposed changes to the agenda.

Park and Recreation Ordinance Change

Manager Mann explained Staff's endeavor to whittle away at the list of 83 noted code changes, one of which is parks and recreation. He introduced the overall concept as repealing the current sections of code that address parks and recreation, while creating Title 7, entitled "Public Buildings, Parks, Open Space, and Recreation".

Some of the revisions included:

- Use of alcohol at Public Parks & Town Rentals/Buildings
- Change park hours from dawn to dusk to 7am to 10pm
- Sound and movie projection
- Prohibitions
- Dogs, pets and other animals

Chair Williams inquired as to who is on the Code Change Sub-Committee. Manager Mann answered that the committee consisted of Vice-Chair Bertaux, Commissioner Wood, Mayor Pro-Tem Hanrahan, Trustee Classen, Director Centeno, Clerk McIntyre and himself.

After thanking the committee for their time invested in code changes, Chair Williams clarified with Manager Mann as to what he would like to see the commissioners accomplish with their conversation that evening. Manager Mann stated that he had no pre-disposed idea of timing. The commission could vote to send the document, as is, to the trustees, or they could make changes before sending it on, or they could send it back to the sub-committee for further discussion.

Commissioner Wood wanted to highlight the Island Park and asked for consistency between the rules for the Island Park and the Silt River Preserve.

Vice-Chair Bertaux gave some feedback on allowing alcohol and suggested putting up do's and don'ts at the skate park. Commissioner Aragon echoed Bertaux's thoughts on posting expectations on site.

Commissioner Stepisnik submitted comments via email, which Director Centeno read to the Commission. Commissioner Stepisnik did not support alcohol at the Town Center or projected movies at the park. She did not have a strong opinion on the park hours, outside of being cognizant of PD's time to enforce.

Director Centeno ran through the proposed code changes and gave her feedback on the below:

- Does not support alcohol in the Town Center
- Changes to occupancy need to be corrected to 93 for the Town Center and 25 for the Chamber.
- Pointed out specific code changes can cause issue
- Define sound projection (live music, DJ music, boombox)
- Supports that only the Town can project a movie in the park, not the general public
- Skate Park rules to be revamped
- Supports alcohol in the park
- Does not think the River Preserve is the right location for horses.

Chair Williams asked about Town budget for Public Works and the Police Department, potential increase due to alcohol in the Town rentals. She also didn't want to promote alcohol in the code, if permitted. She also inquired about the number of Town Center rentals and what kind of groups utilize the space. Director Centeno stated that the Town Center was utilized weekly by the Senior Meals Program, bi-weekly by court ordered counseling as well as regularly by renters that utilize the space for birthday parties, baby showers etc... Chair Williams then inquired as to whether or not the Town is missing out on rentals due to the no alcohol rule, but Director Centeno didn't think the rentals had been impacted significantly. Chair Williams gave feedback on increased outreach attendance in her own personal job, related to providing alcoholic beverages.

Manager Mann wanted to highlight that there was nothing under recreation yet, as that was for a future discussion and codification. The recreation section is where the Town will address behavior and referee abuse.

Vice-Chair Bertaux suggested bringing this back to the Code Committee.

Commissioner Wood circled back to the Island Park and wanted to make sure that people knew what all of the amenities entailed. Director Centeno suggested park highlights, rather than code changes to encompass park amenities. Commissioner Wood agrees that a new method of highlight would be great for all of the parks.

Vice-Chair Bertaux inquired about making sure that dog waste disposal bags were available at all of the parks. Chair Williams asked about why dogs are prohibited and Manager Mann explained Staff's previous conversations with the Trustees and the outcome of not allowing dogs at the park.

Chair Williams wrapped up the conversation by reiterating that the Commissioners wanted to see the proposed changes go back to the Code Committee.

Planners Report

Director Centeno introduced her staff report, with end of the year numbers. She explained that there were several applications in the que, pending corrections.

She also reminded the Commissioners about the Town's appreciation party and joint meeting.

With four Commissioners terms expiring, Director Centeno encouraged Commissioner Aragon, Commissioner Stepisnik, Commissioner Westmoreland and Commissioner Anderson to reapply.

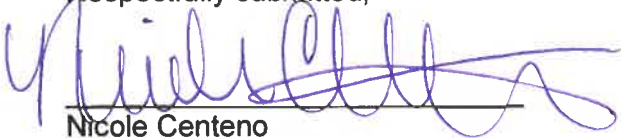
Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Aragon and Chair Williams expressed gratitude for everyone's time.

Adjournment

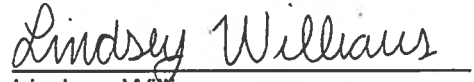
Vice Chair Bertaux made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Chair Williams. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicole Centeno
Community Development Director

Approved by the Planning Commission



Lindsey Williams
Chair