

ACTION MINUTES

LAND USE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

May 21, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Louis Boitano, Supervisor, District IV
John Plasse, Supervisor, District 1

Supervisor Plasse called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA: Approved

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the April 16, 2009 meeting were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None.

ITEM 1. DISCUSSION REGARDING A PROPOSED AGRICULTURAL BUILDING PERMIT EXEMPTION ORDINANCE AND REVIEW OF PLANS FOR AGRICULTURAL STRUCTURES

(Present: Kristen Bengyel, County Administration; Larry Perez and Rich Millar, Building Department)

Discussion took place and it was agreed that the attached Proposed Agricultural Building Permit Exemption Ordinance would be further amended as follows:

- Under **Definitions** the maximum amp service would be changed from 200 amps to 100 amps.
- Under **Exemption from Requirement to Obtain a Building Permit:**
 - A) Setbacks and defensible space would be identified on the application.
 - B) Notification would be recorded on the property that the structure is an agricultural building.
 - D) Certification of the 100 foot minimum defensible space would be verified as part of the final drive-by inspection performed by the Building Department.

- Under **What the landowner needs to provide:**

4. The fee to cover the cost of a drive-by inspection and filing costs would be changed to \$100 rather than \$75.

It was further agreed that:

- All pole barns must be engineered.
- Plumbing and electrical would require a permit and be inspected.
- Engineered structures would require a “final” letter from the design engineer stating the structure was built to their specifications.
- The Library of Plans could consist of a few plans for smaller projects not requiring engineering (possibly drawn by members of ARCD) and submitted for a onetime Building Department approval. Once selected, the Building Department would need to check that the structure is suitable for the location it is being built; i.e. snow load, etc.

Also discussed was having local engineers design some samples for people to choose from. Once a plan was selected, the customer would go to the design engineer and purchase the set of plans with a wet stamp.

Committee Action: The Committee decided to invite engineers and architects located in Amador County to the next Land Use Committee meeting in order to obtain their input and participation in the “Library of Plans.” Kristin Bengyel volunteered to draft the letter.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.