

ACTIONS TAKEN
Regular Session
THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
THURSDAY JANUARY 06, 2011
6:30 PM

4. **Consent Agenda** - All those items listed below may be enacted upon by one motion and approved as Consent Agenda Items. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item if a member of Commission so requests.

a. **Approval of Minutes:**

November 4, 2010 Regular Session

b. **Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:**

January 13, 2011 – Special Session

On a motion by Buchanan, seconded by Hisrich, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

5. **Call to the Public for Items not on the Agenda**

There was no public input.

6. **Election of Officers.**

On a motion by Parrish, seconded by Norton, the Commission unanimously re-elected Joe Butner as Chairman.

On a motion by Hisrich, seconded by Hough, the Commission unanimously elected Chip Norton as Vice Chairman.

7. **Public Hearing, Discussion and Possible recommendation to Council on a Use Permit 2010-03:**

An application submitted by Mr. Colin McCavitt agent for Dateland Proving Grounds on a fifteen (15) acre portion of parcel 404-30-368A and 404-30-368C which is leased to the Town of Camp Verde by the Sanitary District. The applicant is requesting to allow for research, development and training for persistent ground surveillance systems for the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division. The portable powered surveillance trailers and aerostats will help protect US Troops operating in remote areas of Afghanistan. Dateland Proving Grounds is requesting a three (3) year lease with an option for five (5) year lease. The property is located on property currently owned by the Sanitary District off of State Route 260.

On a motion by Norton, seconded by Freeman, the Commission voted 6-1 to recommend that Council approve the application submitted by Dateland Proving Grounds on a fifteen (15) acre portion of Parcels 404-30-368A and 404-30-368C, which is leased to the Town of Camp Verde by the Sanitary District; with the following recommendations: The Camera Training Policy shall be modified prior to the Use Permit becoming effective, to provide as follows: Any observations of crime being committed shall be promptly reported to the proper authorities in accordance with Emergency Response Policy Guidelines, to be dealt with by the Town of Camp Verde, and all such violations of the Camera Policy shall be also reported in a Monthly Violations Report and submitted to the Town of Camp Verde; in addition, insurance policies and proof of insurance indemnifying the Town satisfactory to the Town Council must be presented before any Use Permit could become effective; rescue efforts, humanitarian efforts and crime prevention efforts are all included as part of the Emergency Response Policy; a 5-year duration on the Use Permit is also recommended; **with a 'no' vote by Hisrich.**

PUBLIC INPUT

(Comments from the following individuals are summarized.)

Jon Fineman, Montezuma Airpark, commented on the four airports located within 5 to 15 miles of the site, and said he hoped that provisions have been made with the FAA in light of the small aircraft in the area; he is also concerned about lights on the tethers and their visibility.

Irene Peoble, Camp Verde, said she is concerned about how the lights would affect the night sky, how the ultra-light crafts would be made aware of the balloon, and what authority would discipline the trainees on violations of the camera privacy policy.

Steven Sprinz, Lake Montezuma, distributed a packet of information to the members, pointing out a letter of opposition from the Beaver Creek Regional Council. He noted some of the several reasons for opposition, including issues of privacy, concern about possible weapons on the sight, and hazards to flight expressed by the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

Kala Pearson, President of the Beaver Creek Regional Council, said she is opposed to creating jobs for out of town workers and the local economy; the Town should target the type of business that we all desire to attract rather than piecemeal programs that may or may not be beneficial in the long run.

Jan Klaun, Camp Verde, said she would like very much for the Town to embrace this facility, unless investigation shows something really detrimental.

Helen Zimmerli, Camp Verde, said her one concern was if the balloon broke loose and ended up hitting the towers at Squaw Peak; what would be done about that.

Patti Sexton, a member of the Beaver Creek Regional Council, is concerned about rights of privacy, as well as the sacred land in this community, and the possibility that the Town is selling itself out too cheap.

Shirley Brinkman, Camp Verde, said this is a Camp Verde situation; we have a grand opportunity to help our boys over in Afghanistan; we need to support this. As for privacy, that is not what it is about, it is to help our boys.

Linda Buchanan, Camp Verde, expressed her unqualified support for the proposal; she appreciates the tough questions being asked. She is not frightened by the privacy aspect; she appreciates the economic opportunity; a 3-year lease would provide a chance to evaluate the project along the way.

There was no further public input.

8. Commission Informational Reports:

There were no Commission informational reports.

9. Staff

Owens reminded the members of the Special Session next Thursday.

10. Adjournment

On a motion by Parrish, seconded by Buchanan, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.