



CITY OF ELEPHANT BUTTE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**Tuesday, August 11, 2021 - 9:00 am**

103 Water Street, Elephant Butte, NM 87935

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## MINUTES

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Nathan LaFont called the meeting to order and Vice-Chair Tami Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 2. ROLL CALL

Clerk-Treasurer Rani Bush conducted roll call:

Chair Nathan LaFont - Present  
Vice-Chair Tami Smith – Present  
Commissioner Sheridan Fuss – Present  
Commissioner Orlando Saavedra - Present  
Commissioner Cathy Vickers – Present (arrived late)

Clerk-Treasurer Bush declared a quorum.

### 3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST & STATEMENT OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT

*\*The Open Meetings Act is in effect, and there is a three-minute limit per speaker on all non-agenda items.*

### 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Commissioner Fuss motioned to approve the agenda. Vice-Chair Smith seconded. 4-0. Motion Carried.**

Commissioner Vickers arrived.

### 5. PUBLIC INPUT

None

### 6. PUBLIC HEARING

#### a. Approve/Disapprove: Elks Lodge #2885 - Conditional Use Application

Chair LaFont opened the public hearing and asked for a roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Bush took roll call:

Chair Nathan LaFont - Present  
Vice-Chair Tami Smith – Present  
Commissioner Sheridan Fuss – Present  
Commissioner Orlando Saavedra - Present

Commissioner Cathy Vickers – Present

Clerk-Treasurer Bush declared a quorum.

Chair LaFont introduced Case # 21-0074, Elks Lodge #2885, request for a conditional use business registration to operate as a lounge in Zone C-2. Clerk-Treasurer Bush confirmed that all legal postings were completed. No City Council members were present.

No commissioner received any ex-parte communications or had any interest preventing them from participating regarding this matter. Deputy Clerk Jessica Newberry swore in Lindsey Moore, Elephant Butte Land Use Administrator; Kathy Norton, 604 Travis; and Lee Morris, 148 Camino Encantado.

Land Use Admin Moore presented the application. Mr. Morris then made a presentation regarding the Elks Club and its numerous contributions to the City. Commissioner Saavedra asked about business being conducted prior to having a business registration and also about alcohol sales. Mr. Morris replied that there had been no alcohol sales, but they had been running as a fraternal order without a registration. Ms. Norton also inquired about the Elks Club operating without a registration.

Chair LaFont closed the hearing.

**Commissioner Vickers motioned to approve Elks Lodge #2885 - Conditional Use Application.** Vice-Chair Smith seconded. Commissioner Fuss confirmed that there would be no packaged liquor sales. Land Use Admin Moore will correct this on the application. Chair LaFont inquired about why the process took so long to be presented to the Commission. Land Use Admin Moore was unsure and apologized to the Commission, and the Elks Club. Chair LaFont asked that there be better follow-up from the City when a business is operating without the correct registration. Clerk-Treasurer Bush conducted a roll call vote:

Chair Nathan LaFont - Yes  
Vice-Chair Tami Smith – Yes  
Commissioner Sheridan Fuss – Yes  
Commissioner Orlando Saavedre - Yes  
Commissioner Cathy Vickers – Yes

**Motion Carried.**

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

**Commissioner Vickers motioned to adjourn.** Commissioner Fuss seconded. 5-0. **Motion Carried.**

***Minutes approved and adopted at the Planning and Zoning meeting on September 14, 2021.***

ATTEST:



Rani Bush  
Clerk-Treasurer

