

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

AUGUST 8, 2023

7:00 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER (Via Zoom & In-Person)

Commissioner Cruger called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. FLAG SALUTE:

Commissioner Cruger led the Planning Commission, Staff and Audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. ROLL CALL:

Planning Commission

Commissioner Frederick Cruger – Present
Commissioner Ron Stephenson– Absent
Commissioner Scott Morrison – Present
Commissioner Chris Marsh – Present
Commissioner Jude Anderson - Present

City Staff

Darla Reese, City Clerk
Eric Jensen, Community Dev. Director

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes

There were no Minutes before the Planning Commission for approval.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS – NON-ACTION ITEMS

No one was present online to speak during this portion of the meeting, and no written correspondence had been received.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

**A. Presentation – Tribal Coordination and HB1717
Jax Thaxton, Intern**

Mr. Thaxton gave a presentation and discussed the following titled slides with the Planning Commission and members of the audience:

- Reconciling State and Tribal Relations – First Steps
- Legislation Directly Involving Local Jurisdictions
- Surveys of Tribal-County Planning Relations
- Tribal-Local Collaborative Regionalism Principles
- Our Opportunities
- Stillaguamish Watershed
- The Overarching Issue
- References

B. Presentation on Climate Change and HB1181
Asher Schoepflin, Intern

Mr. Schoepflin gave a presentation and discussed the following titled slides with the Planning Commission:

- Introduction
- New Requirements from HB 1181
- Required Actions for Granite Falls
- GHG Emissions Reduction Sub-Element
- Resilience Sub-Element
- Plan for 2024 Update

C. RV Issues

City Manager Kirk shared his thoughts on the allowance of RV Parks in the Riverfront Residential zone and the problems arising from this. The definition of “RV Parks” in the code will need to be updated.

D. GFMC Code Amendment for Permanent Supportive Housing and Transitional Housing

Community Development Director Jensen mentioned he has updated research from the past presentation by Asher Schoepflin and has looked what other cities have done.

Planning Commission and Community Development Director Jensen discussed the subject. During this discussion, the following changes are to be made:

- Put in language about if management failed in housing, what would happen to the facility
- Look at housing above commercial (CBD zone) in vertical mixed-use scenario

7. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. Comprehensive Plan: Community Survey Update and Setting Date for Council/Planning Commission Joint Workshop

Community Development Director Jensen added he has received approximately 40 surveys due to being at National Night Out. He is going to keep this open through the Railroad Days event so he can get additional responses. The new closing date will be on Tuesday, October 10th.

November 14, 2023 – new joint workshop with the City Council?

8. REPORTS:

A. Staff Reports

Community Development Director Jensen stated his excitement for developing a new Accessory Dwelling Unit pre-approved design plan program. This will come before the Planning Commission when it has a little more information in place.

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

There were no correspondence items to share.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Cruger adjourned the meeting.