



REGULAR SESSION MARCH 26, 2019 MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Robert Larsen, Planning Commission Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Of the ten (10) currently appointed commissioners seven (7) were in attendance (a quorum being six (6) members and a majority being six (6) members):

Leah Everett
Doug Hannam
Jim Langston

Robert Larsen
Loren Simmonds

Ed Taft (arrived at 5:32)
Bob Wold

Merle Ash, Tom Norcott and Neil Pederson were unavailable for this meeting.

Barb Mock, Planning and Development Services (PDS), Director, served as Planning Commission Secretary for this meeting.

The March 26, 2019 agenda was unanimously approved by all commissioners present.

B. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The February 26, 2019, regular meeting, minutes were unanimously accepted as written.

C. STATUS OF PAST RECOMMENDATIONS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Barb Mock briefly reviewed agenda topics for future Planning Commission meetings. Director Mock, relayed to the Planning Commission that there were no activities before the County Council for action during the last month but provided an update on items that have either lapsed at committee or have yet to be transmitted to Council.

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Erosion Hazard Areas Code Amendments: Hearing

David Killingstad provided a briefing on a non-project proposal to amend the list of exceptions to SCC 30.62B.330(3), Erosion hazard areas - Channel migration zones, to allow the construction of public parks in those zones at the February 26th Planning Commission Meeting. Mr. Killingstad provided a quick overview and covered a proposed new amendment that was provided to the Commissioners. Sharon Swan provided an overview of the Oso memorial and exhibit plan and typical park improvements in channel migration zones. David Killingstad responded to a question that was posed by one of the Commissioners via email. Commissioners asked several questions prior to the opening of the Public Hearing.

The Erosion Hazard Areas Code Amendments **Public Hearing opened at 6:00 pm**. Three people provided comments to the Commissioners during the Public Hearing. The Erosion Hazard Areas Code Amendments **Public Hearing was closed at 6:12 pm**.

After numerous questions and a robust deliberation by the Commissioners, Chair Larsen asked for a motion.

Main Motion was made by Commissioner Langston and seconded by Commissioner Hannam to approve the proposed code amendments contained in the staff report supported with findings and conclusions.

Amendment #1 was made by Commissioner Langston and seconded by Commissioner Hannam to add the amendment sheet as written.

VOTE (Amendment #1):

6 in favor (*Everett, Hannam, Langston, Larsen, Simmonds, and Wold*)

1 opposed (Taft)

0 abstention

Amendment #1 PASSED

Amendment #2 was made by Commissioner Everett and Seconded by Commissioner Langston to remove camping from the list of allowed uses in the channel migration zone.

VOTE (Amendment #2):

5 in favor (*Everett, Langston, Larsen, Simmonds, and Wold*)

2 opposed (Hannam and Taft)

0 abstention

Amendment #2 FAILED

VOTE (Main Motion):

5 in favor (*Hannam, Langston, Larsen, Taft, and Wold*)

2 opposed (Everett and Simmonds)

0 abstention

Main Motion FAILED

2. Digital Signs in the Clearview Rural Commercial Zone: Hearing

Yorik Stevens-Wajda, County Council staff, provided a briefing on proposed ordinance to the Planning Commission for consideration and a recommendation back to the Council on February 26, 2019. The proposal would amend the county's development regulations (Chapter 30.27 SCC) to add the Clearview Rural Commercial zone to the list of zones in which digital signs are allowed. Mr. Stevens-Wajda recapped the briefing for the Planning Commission.

Recessed meeting at 7:16 pm.

Reconvened meeting at 7:26 pm.

The Digital Signs in the Clearview Rural Commercial Zone **Public Hearing opened at 7:26 pm.** Four members of the public provided comments to the Commissioners. The Digital Signs in the Clearview Rural Commercial Zone **Public Hearing was closed at 7:42 pm.**

The Commissioners deliberated and asked many questions of Mr. Stevens-Wajda.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wold and seconded by Commissioner Hannam to approve the proposed code amendments contained in the staff report supported with findings and conclusions.

VOTE (Motion):

4 in favor (*Hannam, Langston, Larsen, and Wold*)

3 opposed (Taft, Simonds, and Everett)

0 abstention

Motion FAILED

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Southwest Urban Growth Boundary Planning Study: Informational Briefing

Jacqueline Reid provided an information briefing to the Planning Commission on the Southwest Urban Growth Boundary Planning Study. Planning and Development Services is midway through a project to study part of the county adjacent to the fast-growing south-easterly edge of the Southwest Urban Growth Area (SWUGA). The project is not proposing changes to land use, policies or UGA boundaries. It is a high-level study to provide background about existing conditions in the SWUGA study area, and opportunities and constraints to consider if adjustments to the boundary are under review in the future. This was an informational briefing to the Planning Commission on the study.

For more information on the Southwest Urban Growth Boundary Planning Study please visit the website at: <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/4129/SWUGA-Boundary-Planning-Study>

2. Introduction to 2023 Update: Informational Briefing

David Killingstad provided an overview of the upcoming 2023 Growth Management Act Comprehensive Plan Update and Compliance Review. Topics Mr. Killingstad covered included GMA requirements, key tasks, schedule, outreach and role of the Planning Commission.

F. ADJOURN

This regular meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

This complete presentation and discussion is on file (via recording) in PDS.