

PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Community Center
1808 Main Street, Lake Stevens
Wednesday, January 6, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 pm by Chair Tom Matlack

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Tom Matlack, Vice Chair Jennifer Davis, Janice Huxford, Gary Petershagen, Vicky Oslund, Tracey Trout

MEMBERS ABSENT: Linda Hoult

STAFF PRESENT: Interim Planning Director Russ Wright, Senior Planner Stacie Pratschner and Clerk Jill Meis

OTHERS PRESENT: Sally Jo Sebring

Excused Absence: Commissioner Petershagen made a motion to excuse Commissioner Hoult, Commissioner Huxford 2nd, Motion carried 6-0-0-1.

Guest business: None

Announcements: None

Action Items:

1. *Election of New Officers.* Commissioner Huxford made a motion to elect Tom Matlack to Chair and Jennifer Davis to Vice Chair, Commissioner Oslund 2nd. Motion carried 6-0-0-1.
2. *Approve December 2, 2015 Meeting Minutes.* Commissioner Petershagen made a motion to approve December 2, 2015 minutes, Commissioner Davis 2nd. Motion carried 6-0-0-1.

Discussion Items:

1. *Grading and Clearing Code Revision (LSMC14.44.100)* – Senior Planner Pratschner gave an informational briefing about the proposed amendments to the Grading and Clearing Code. She explained that there have been some changes to state policies and the city of Lake Stevens will look to integrate those changes into the LSMC. She also gave a proposed schedule of achieving that code amendment and fielded questions from commissioners.
2. *Marijuana Regulations* – Interim Planning Director Wright presented the changes the State of Washington has made for marijuana regulations and the possibility for municipalities to allow more retail facilities. The City has a moratorium in place preventing any additional retail facilities. The City has a regulation that prohibits co-locating marijuana producers and that regulation will be under review as well. Interim Planning Director Wright fielded questions and gave a proposed schedule

Commissioner Reports: Commissioner Oslund thanked the staff for providing the information for the meeting. Vice Chair Davis reported that the community uses the Haggen grocery store as a public civic space and its loss will be felt throughout the community. Chair

Matlack attended the retirement party for George Wood (former planning commissioner and sewer commissioner) and reported on the increased crime happening in the downtown area.

Staff Report: None

Adjourn: Motion by Vice Chair Davis, Commissioner Huxford 2nd. Motion carried 6-0-0-1.
Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.



Tom Matlack, Chair



Jill Meis, Clerk, Planning &
Community Development