

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES



HYBRID/REMOTE AND IN PERSON AT PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING

July 20, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 PM by Chair Todd Welch

MEMBERS PRESENT: Todd Welch, John Cronin, Mike Duerr, Janice Huxford, Jennifer Davis, Linda Hoult, Connor Davis

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Community Development Director Russ Wright, Planning Manager Levitan, Permit Lead Cody Schwindt and Clerk Jennie Fenrich

OTHERS PRESENT: Councilmember Gary Petershagen

Commissioner Welch called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: All present

Guest business: None

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of 6-15-2022 were approved as corrected. Commissioner Duerr motioned and Commissioner Hoult (7-0-0-0).

Discussion Items: Discussion Item: 2022 Comp Plan amendments. There are two proposed map amendments. The first one (M-1) is a citizen request amendment on the east side of 20th St SE and South Lake Stevens Rd. This amendment would change from High Density Residential to Commercial. The second one (M-3) is a City proposed to do a general assessment of the south end of the City. The City Council has asked for an update of the goals that were set about 10 years ago to see if we are meeting long -term housing and employment goals. There are three additional land use designation changes discussed. Area A: Consider map amendment on north side of 20th at 99th from HDR to Commercial or Mixed Use, Area B: Consider Change on East Side of 99th (north of 20th St SE) to Commercial, Mixed Use or MFR (Rezone Only), Area C: Explore Changes to 97th Dr SE (Including parcel from undocketed proposal M-2). The commission was in general support of changes the properties around 9th Ave SE to residential. A discussion ensued and feedback was noted to allow staff to continue their work.

Commissioner Reports: Commissioner Hoult confirmed dates for the next two months of meetings. Commissioner Huxford reported she attended the City Council meeting and stated the Council negated

all the work the Planning Commission did on short-term rentals and won't be discussing the ordinance again until they meet again in August. Commissioner Chair Welch thanked Commissioner Duerr for covering him at the last meeting.

Director's Report:

Community Development Director Wright introduced Cody Schwindt to the Commission as the new Permit Lead - he is cross training to cover future meetings as needed.

Planning Manager Levitan reported the housing action plan is getting underway. He is working on outreach material. There will be opportunity for public outreach at Aquafest, as well as public forums in the fall that the Planning Commission will be hosting. The Housing Analysis will come back to the Commission at the end of August.

Community Development Director Russ Wright reported that an Industrial Market Analysis firm has been hired to study our current Industrial Area and the Planning Commission will be kept in the loop on its findings. He reported there is an open house for the redesign of Sunset Beach Park tomorrow at 6:30 at the Mill and Commissioners are invited to attend. Director Wright reported two grants were received for Climate Impact and Comprehensive Plan updates. He invited anyone wishing to sit at the Aquafest tent to let Jill Meis or himself know.

Adjourn: Moved by Commissioner Duerr, seconded by Commissioner Hoult to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. On vote the motion carried (7-0-0-0).

Jennie Fenrich, Planning Commission Clerk