

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES



Hybrid-via Zoom or in the Mill's Sawyers Room

April 17, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 pm by Chair Connor Davis

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Connor Davis, Vice-Chair Janice Huxford, Commissioner Linda Hoult, Commissioner Nathan Packard, Commissioner Bruce Morton and Commissioner Duerr, Commissioner Jennifer Davis.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Senior Planner David Levitan, Associate Planner Jill Needham and Clerk Jennie Fenrich

OTHERS PRESENT: Councilmember Ryan Donaghue via Zoom.

Chair Connor Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: All seven members present.

Guest business: None

Action Items: Minutes from March 20, 2024 were approved as submitted. Motion by Commissioner Huxford. Seconded by Commissioner Hoult. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items: Senior Planner Levitan provided an overview of changes proposed to the Introduction (Chapter 1) and Economic Development Element (Chapter 6) of the Comprehensive Plan. He highlighted updated background information as well as new maps and graphics and provided an overview of new policy language. Commissioner feedback on the draft policy language included identifying the lake (Lake Stevens) as an economic asset worthy of public investment; ensuring that the city has adequate land for industrial uses; and considering the impacts of regulatory costs on economic development.

Commissioner Report: Commissioner Morton asked about a recent rezone proposal and why it had not been reviewed by the Planning Commission. Planner Levitan explained that site-specific rezone proposals are Type IV land use applications, which require a Hearing Examiner public hearing and recommendation to the City Council. Commissioner Huxford reported that neighbors along South Lake Stevens Rd are not happy that Public Works has been not responding to speed mitigation measures they have requested. Chair Connor Davis asked for an update on the new museum.

Director Report: No Director's report. Senior Planner Levitan noted that the code amendments from the recent Code Clean Up project are now reflected in the municipal code.

Adjourn: Commissioner Hoult motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Duerr to adjourn at 6:59 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Jennie Fenrich, Planning Commission Clerk