

MINUTES

PLANNING COMMISSION

City Council Chambers
Port Angeles, Washington 98362
February 10, 2021 6:00 p.m.
REGULAR MEETING

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Stanley opened the regular meeting at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Andrew Schwab (Chair), Benjamin Stanley (Vice-Chair), Richie Ahuja, Steve Luxton, Marolee Smith, Colin Young

City Staff Present: Emma Bolin (*Manager*)
Ben Braudrick (*Associate Planner*)

Public Present: John Ralston

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Ralston, City Resident

Inquired about the Makers stakeholder engagement process.

Chair Schwab closed public comments

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Young moved to accept the minutes from the January 27, 2020 meeting. **Commissioner Ahuja** seconded; **all were in approval with Commission Smith abstaining because she was not in attendance.**

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Work Session: Climate Resiliency Plan Task 4 Preparation**

Chair Schwab asked Staff to introduce the topic to revisit the 2019 Amended Comprehensive Plan for Climate and Resiliency related Goals, Policies and Actions to prepare for the Climate Resiliency Plan's recommended changes to the document. **CED Manager Bolin** provided background on what has been completed thus far since the Climate Action Consultant, Cascadia Consulting, Inc. began work on the planning effort including the January 26th Kick-off meeting and their interest in reaching out to and coordinating the continued efforts of the volunteer groups.

Planner Braudrick introduced the City's Climate Resiliency Plan website and the Comprehensive Plan analysis and the potential SWOT analysis methodologies that the Commission could take in reviewing and providing guidance for the Comprehensive Plan in regard to the Climate Resiliency Plan.

The Planning Commission discussion began. It was generally decided that the process should not move too quickly in order to complete the task correctly, and that the SWOT analysis for each Element should include

a review of what may be missing from a Climate perspective. The Commission assigned themselves the following Chapters to review:

<u>Element</u>	<u>Reviewer</u>
Growth Management	Richie Ahuja
Land Use – Residential	Ben Stanley
Land Use – Commercial	Ben Stanley
Land Use – Industrial	Steve Luxton
Land Use – Open Space	Steve Luxton
Transportation	Colin Young
Utilities and Public Services	Richie Ahuja
Housing	Marolee Smith
Conservation	Ben Stanley
Capital Facilities	Andrew Schwab
Economic Development	Andrew Schwab
Parks and Recreation	Colin Young

Commission Stanley volunteered to review and provide a SWOT analysis on the Conservation Element and allow the Commission to compare it to the example provided by that the consultant Cascadia Consulting, Inc.

STAFF UPDATES

CED Manager Bolin provided updates on the Cascadia Consulting goal to do a meet and greet with the Climate Action Volunteer Group. She laid out the near-term schedule with Climate Action.

The Council is moving forward with an ordinance to allow hotels to provide temporary housing. The Commission might hold a public hearing on February 24th.

The March 10th Planning Commission will include a Joint Public Hearing with the Department of Ecology for the Shoreline Master Program Update.

The City Council ratified the City Manager signed order to replace the City codes relating to construction code vesting to allow applicants to choose between 2015 and 2018 Washington Building Codes until July 1, 2021.

She asked about the City email that had been provided to Commission Members.

Planner Braudrick complimented the Commissioners on their participation at the Joint City Council/Planning Commission meeting and notified them of the Council strategic planning workshop that had taken place.

Planner Braudrick invited the Commissioners to the Peninsula Section Planners Forum on February 22nd which will focus on housing equity and strategy.

REPORTS OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

Commission Young reported that he felt the Joint meeting went well and that the City Council had provided direction to the Commission to bring forward resolutions to them. It would be worthwhile to start working with Staff to organize more discussion on what should be moved forward.

Commissioner Ahuja agreed about the Joint Meeting and that the Commission should discuss what they wanted to prioritize.

Commissioner Stanley agreed with the previous Commissioners comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Ben Braudrick, Secretary

PREPARED BY: Ben Braudrick, Secretary

Andrew Schwab, Chair

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