

PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Community Center
1808 Main Street, Lake Stevens
Wednesday, May 16, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 pm by Chair Janice Huxford

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karim Ali, Vicki Oslund, Tracey Trout and Linda Hoult

MEMBERS ABSENT Jennifer Davis

STAFF PRESENT: Community Development Director Russ Wright and Clerk Jennie Fenrich

OTHERS PRESENT: Councilmember McDaniel and Councilmember Petershagen

Excused Absence: Commissioner Hoult made a motion to excuse Jennifer Davis' absence, Commission Trout seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0-1.

Guest business: Larry Cole asked for the City to consider a walkway and calming devices be added to Cedar Road, he walks here daily and feels it dangerous.

Action Items:

1. Commissioner Hoult made a motion Commissioner Ali seconded to approve the May 2, 2018 minutes. 5-0-0-1.

Public Briefing:

Planning Director Wright gave a presentation of the Downtown Lake Stevens Subarea Plan. This public process has been underway since 2016. The City Council has adopted a preferred alternative which is High Growth Alternative. Director Wright showed examples of what the downtown vision could look like. These ideas are all preliminary. Subarea zoning allows specific uses within a designated area. The City's vision is mandatory storefront retail on the street level, with variations of mixed uses throughout the Downtown Corridor. This proposal also visions Grade Rd as the main entrance and it currently lends itself to a boulevard orientation. Director Wright turned the meeting back to Chair Huxford, who asked the public to share their thoughts. There were many comments from the audience. The concerns raised were the relocation of the war memorial, museum, Grimm House and location of parking.

Commissioner Hoult asked for clarification on what is being asked of the Commission tonight. Community Development Director Wright is asking for the Commission's feedback on Zoning Regulations and Planned Action Ordinance. He recommends removing the FAR(Floor to Area) requirements and modify bonus provisions to apply height increases as incentive.

Commissioner Reports- none

Planning Director Report: Community Development Director Wright attended the Economic Alliance Upgrade Tourism 2.0 Program for Parks.

Future Agenda Items

Downtown Subarea Capital Facilities Plan and revised Design Guidelines

Adjourn. Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Hoult, seconded by Commissioner Ali. Motion carried 5-0-0-1. Meeting adjourned.

Janice Huxford, Chair



Jennie Fenrich, Clerk, Planning & Community Development