



EASTSOUND PLANNING REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date February 3, 2022

3:00 PM

Due to COVID-19, and restrictions on gatherings of more than 5 people, public access is limited to online only.

Committee members present by Zoom were Leith Templin, Terry Gillespie, Charles Toxey, Brian Wiese, and Scott Lancaster, Cindy Wolf County Council, David Williams, Planning Director, Jesse Seitz-Douglas, PW, and the public joined also by Zoom.

Meeting was called to order by Leith Templin, Chair at 3:00

Approval of Agenda

Terry moved to accept agenda as proposed, Scott seconded. Approved

Approval of the minutes of the January 6, 2022, meeting

Terry moved to accept minutes as presented and seconded. Approved

Chair Report

Council Report

Cindy reported about her wanting to work on the homeless issue involving camping. Applications are now being accepted for the Climate and Environment advisory committee. Applications are due in February. 8-10 members at large will make up the committee with 2-3 from each island. Application is on the county website.

Cindy and staff are looking into FEMA funds for small business to access and possible funds for emergency road repair.

Public Comment

Michele Rodriguez spoke about the difficulties that working people have, to attend public meetings that are held during working hours like EPRC and other county meetings.

Bill Bangs wanted to introduce himself and has been doing some work about the housing issues in the county and has written a report that he has sent to Planning and to EPRC and others interested in the housing issue.

Dan Christopherson wanted to comment on the parking program and Leith asked him to comment when we discuss the program.

Eastsound Parking Fund Program with David Williams Public Works Direct

The program is not working and by ordinance the committee and other parameters of the code have never been developed and no funds have ever been collected. It is not a financially viable program and David is recommending to the Planning Commission and Council that it be repealed. EPRC did offer a discussion about the history of the program and where we are today. An individual parking space is currently running about \$20,000 and the existing program calls for \$5,000. The conversation continued with the discussion about the Growth Management Act and how it is difficult to build to the density assigned with the parking, landscaping, etc. requirements.

Dan Christopherson made public comment that he agreed that the program needs to be repealed. But he doesn't want the subject to be dropped because parking is a problem in Eastsound, and we need to look at properties in Eastsound that the county could purchase.

Sean Demeritt spoke to the current requirements and suggested that we need to loosen up the regulations because it is hard to build to the density and provide for parking and the other requirements.

Comprehensive Plan update from David

CDP wants to have the plan to council by the end of the year.

CDP will be working on individual elements of comp plan March 18, April 1, and 15th. Most of the work has been done. On July 1 the Planning Commission will have a briefing of the final draft and then on July 15 the Planning Commission will have a public hearing. Then they will make their recommendations to Council and the council will have several meetings so the public can comment before they finalize the plan.

CDP will have open public meetings for the public the end of May and early June. A half day on each island of in person meetings for the public is the goal of DCD. All EPRC comments plus others are on the county web site. Next year is the implementation time to get it into the code and David wants to make modifications every year so in four years when the next mandated review is due the plan will mostly be up to date. DCD will continue to look at the methodology behind the regulations every year.

Prune Alley -Jessie Douglas-Seitz

Prune Alley Road project is moving forward. Jessie just met with Mike Carlson to establish a pre-construction date and the mobilizing will take place first week of March. He is working with property owners, business owners and the utilities to get a construction schedule. Working on getting signage prepared and where it will be posted to help inform everybody as the project moves along.

Once he has a construction schedule, he we get it to all the property and business owners and EPRC.

Fern Street Park will be used for staging by Carlson Construction and the path will still be available for the public. Discussion took place about the bulletin board that was taken down last September and Cindy said that it would be replaced soon.

Leith made a comment about Rock Island's new fiber being laid from Deuce Dr (Bart Curtis's) to Tidewinds on Mt. Baker Road. It is a nice path and was hoping that the county could wood chip it to keep the weeds from growing back. Jessie will talk with the superintendent and alert him that it would be a good place to put chips if they became available.

Committee had some question for David

David wants to know from us if we have questions about codes pertaining to permit applications and projects that are under construction.

EPRC wants the building inspector to be familiar with Eastsound regulations and that they would be part of the inspection process. It is not currently happening, and David agreed that should happen.

Charles wanted a meeting with David and Sophia to discuss our suggestions for changes to county code that we have submitted.

Permit Review

No permits to review

NEXT REGULAR MEETING April 7, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 4:40

Respectfully submitted
Leith Templin