



SAN JUAN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 15, 2019 MEETING

The meeting of the San Juan County Planning Commission was called to order by Chair, Tim Blanchard, at 8:33 a.m. in the County Council hearing room, Legislative Building, 55 Second Street, Friday Harbor, and San Juan Island.

Planning Commission

Members Present: Tim Blanchard (by phone), Pete Moe, Camille Uhlir, Michael Pickett, Victoria Compton, Brent Snow, Dale Roundy, and Georgette Wong (by phone).

Planning Commission

Members Excused: Steve Rubey

Department of Community Development (DCD) Staff

Present: Erika Shook, Director; Linda Kuller, Planning Manager; Adam Zack, Planner III; and Lynda Guernsey, AS II

Administrative Items

New Business - Election of Officers

Moved by Brent Snow, seconded by Pete Moe, to add the topic of Election of Officers to today’s administrative items. Pete Moe – yes, Camille Uhlir – yes, Michael Pickett – yes, Tim Blanchard – yes, Georgette Wong – yes, Victoria Compton – yes, Brent Snow – yes, Dale Roundy – yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of requesting to the County Council, per San Juan County Code, that the current Chair be allowed to continue as Chair for a third year.

Moved by Brent Snow, seconded by Dale Roundy, that the Planning Commission request the option to reappoint Tim Blanchard as Chair for an additional term beyond the two years he has served already. They would like the request to go forward to the County Council for approval as required in SJCC 2.116.020. Pete Moe – yes, Camille Uhlir – yes, Michael Pickett – yes, Tim Blanchard – yes, Georgette Wong – yes, Victoria Compton – yes, Brent Snow – yes, Dale Roundy – yes. The motion passed unanimously.

DCD Update – Erika Shook, Director

1. Vacation Rentals – Erika explained where the process is to-date regarding Certificates of Compliance and that the data from the information collected should be compiled soon. She responded to questions and comments from the Planning Commission.
2. The Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board upheld the Shoreline Master Program in December.
3. At this time, the department is responding to three appeals of Notice of Violation fines that will be going forward to the Hearing Examiner.
4. The new permit tracking system is close to going live for use by the department. The process has already taken a year with all the migration of data and validation. There will be an online portal for the public to view information on permits.

5. The Lopez Village Plan has been to the County Council for review and they have requested to see a few alternatives to some items. It may go to hearing in a couple of weeks.
6. The WA State Liquor Control Board has received an application for a Tier 3 marijuana growth proposal. The proposal has received numerous comments. The County Council asked for an extension from the Board as they are formulating a response. The County Council will be giving an update on Tuesday. Erika responded to questions and comments from the Planning Commission and stated that there could be a briefing regarding the history of marijuana issues at another meeting.

Minutes of October 26, 2018

Moved by Victoria Compton, seconded by Brent Snow, to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion passed with four yes votes, zero no votes and four abstentions (Uhlir, Roundy, Moe, and Wong).

Citizen Access Time –

Lerner Limbach, Agricultural Resource Committee (ARC) Chair
Faith Van DePutte, ARC member
David Kane, ARC Policy Chair

Economic Development Briefing – Bill Appel, San Juan County Economic Development Council (EDC)

Bill Appel, EDC board member, updated the Planning Commission on the latest draft Economic Development Element submitted and responded to questions and comments. The discussion included the Agricultural Resource Committees (ARC) comments directed to the draft Economic Development Element.

By Consensus, the Planning Commission would like the ARC comments and Adam Zack's (DCD Planner III) data included in a new draft of the Economic Development Element.

San Juan County Comprehensive Plan Update: 2018 Workshop Report – Adam Zack, Planner III

Adam Zack updated the Planning Commission on the community feedback received during the 2018 Comprehensive Plan workshops and online survey. Adam then responded to questions and comments from the Planning Commission.

It was brought forward from the Planning Commission that they would like to see the Land Capacity Analysis at the next meeting.

Adjournment

By Consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m. The next joint meeting of the Planning Commission will be Friday, March 15, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. in the County Council hearing room, Legislative Building, 55 Second Street, Friday Harbor, San Juan Island.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Guernsey