



CHELAN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Chelan County Planning Commission
Chelan County Community Development VIA ZOOM
Called to Order: 6:03 PM
316 Washington St., Suite 301
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Date: January 27, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.

COMMISSIONER PRESENT/ABSENT

Ryan Kelso	Present	Carl Blum	Present
Vicki Malloy	Present	Jim Newberry	Present
Pat Hammersmith	Present	Ed Martinez	Present
James Wiggs	Present	Joel Walinski	Present
Doug England	Present		

STAFF PRESENT

Jim Brown, Director
Catherine Lorbeer, Assistant Director
Wendy Lane, Permit Clerk

PUBLIC PRESENT

ZOOM MEETING – 15 PARTICIPANTS INCLUDING STAFF AND PC MEMBERS

Chairman Ryan Kelso asked the Planning Commission to select a new Chair and Vice Chair.

Nomination:

Nomination made by Commissioner James Wiggs, second by Commissioner Joel Walinski, to select Ryan Kelso to be the Chair for 2021. Mr. Kelso politely declined the nomination.

Nomination:

Nomination made by Chairman Ryan Kelso, second by Commissioner Vicki Malloy, to select Commissioner Carl Blum to be the Chair for 2021.

Vote – Unanimous

Motion carries.

Nomination:

Nomination made by Commissioner Carl Blum, second by Commissioner Ed Martinez, to select Commissioner Vicki Malloy to be the Vice Chair for 2021.

Vote – Unanimous

Motion carries

Chairman Ryan Kelso asked the Planning Commission members if all had read the minutes from the December 16, 2020, meeting.

MOTION:

Motion made by Commissioner Joel Walinski, second by Commissioner Vicki Malloy, to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2020, meeting.

Vote – Unanimous

Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Director Jim Brown gave an update on the Critical Area Ordinance and how the topic will be approached in the future. He brought forth the possibility of an additional Planning Commission meeting in early or mid-March to accommodate all of the issues that need to be addressed in the coming year. He wanted the Planning Commission to ponder the possibility between now and the February meeting so decisions could be made.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hearing for CPA 20-009 CIP Text Amendment

Assistant Director Catherine Lorbeer explained the application. Staff recommends approval.

Cathy Mulhall, County Administrator, reviews the projects and determines that the costs can be covered, by various funding sources, which are explained in the CIP spreadsheet.

Several Commissioners had questions for Ms. Mulhall, which she answered and then provided additional information when needed.

Chairman Ryan Kelso opened the Hearing for public comment. There was none.

Chairman Ryan Kelso closed the public portion of the Hearing.

MOTION:

Motion made by Commissioner Doug England, second by Commissioner Carl Blum, to approve Comprehensive Plan Amendment, to update the six-year Capital Improvement Plan, CIP, for years 2021 thru 2026, given the file number CPA 20-009.

Vote – unanimous

Motion carries.

DISCUSSION, at the CHAIR's DISCRETION:

None

Commissioners expressed gratitude to staff for teaching and explaining Agenda items in a way that contributes to a more informed decision-making process.

Commissioners also expressed gratitude to Chairman Ryan Kelso for overseeing the Planning Commission during an interesting year.

Commissioner Carl Blum asked Director Jim Brown if a countywide review of commercial agriculture land was on the docket for 2021. Mr. Brown explained that the issue was item #23 on the list and he did not know if it would be addressed this year.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Motion made by Commissioner Vicki Malloy seconded by Commissioner Jim Newberry, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote – unanimous

Motion carries.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:43 pm.

Next Planning Commission Meeting to be held on February 24, 2021, at 6:00 pm, – a Zoom meeting.

All Planning Commission meetings and hearings are open to the public.