



CHELAN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Chelan County Planning Commission
Chelan County Community Development VIA ZOOM

Date: May 26, 2021

Called to Order: 7:00 PM
316 Washington St., Suite 301
Wenatchee, WA 98801

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 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
Jamie Strother, Planner II
Wendy Lane, Permit Clerk

PUBLIC PRESENT

ZOOM MEETING – 13 PARTICIPANTS INCLUDING STAFF AND PC MEMBERS

Chairman Carl Blum asked the Planning Commission members if all had read the minutes from the April 28, 2021, meeting.

MOTION:

Motion made by Commissioner Doug England, second by Commissioner Vicki Malloy, to approve the minutes from the April 28, 2021, meeting.

Vote – Unanimous

Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Hearing for ZTA 21-196 Icicle Valley Design Review Overlay District text amendment.

The text amendment was presented by Assistant Director Catherine Lorbeer. Staff recommends approval.

The floor was opened for the Commissioners to ask questions on the text amendment. Discussion commenced within the group on areas of concern. Director Jim Brown and Ms. Lorbeer assisted by relating appropriate information and fielding questions

Chairman Carl Blum asked if there was anyone from the public who would like to comment, on the text amendment. No members of the public were present, so he closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

The floor was opened for continued discussions within the group. Planner Jamie Strother contributed to the conversation as needed.

MOTION:

Motion made by Commissioner Doug England, second by Commissioner Joel Walinski, to recommend approval of the Icicle Valley Design Review Overlay text amendment to add existing design guidelines to appendix B and remove committee references, both in the appendix and the amendment, given file #ZTA 21-196 based upon the findings of fact, and conclusion of law contained within the May 26, 2021 staff-report.

The Motion was amended, by Chairman Carl Blum, to include clean up language to paragraph 11.72.080 for consistency. Both Commissioners England and Walinski agreed to the motion as amended.

Vote – Unanimous

Motion carries.

Additional New Business not on the Agenda.

Director Jim Brown updated the Commissioners on what it would look like for the Planning Commission moving forward with the meeting process. On whether we go back to onsite, face-to-face meetings, or go to a high-bred version. Mr. Brown stated he will get back to the Commissioners with the guidance and expectations of the Board of Commissioners and County Executive with further instructions on how to proceed.

DISCUSSION, at the CHAIR's DISCRETION:

Chairman Carl Blum asked Director Jim Brown to give updates on the progress of Short-term Rentals, Code Enforcement, Critical Area Ordinance, and the Shoreline Master Program. After doing so, Mr. Brown then gave information on changes made within Chelan County Community Development.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Motion made by Commissioner Vicki Malloy, seconded by Commissioner Ryan Kelso, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote – unanimous

Motion carries.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Next Planning Commission Meeting to be held on June 23, 2021, at 7:00 pm, – a Zoom meeting.

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