



CHELAN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Chelan County Planning Commission
Chelan County Community Development VIA ZOOM

Date: January 26, 2022

Called to Order: 6:00 PM
316 Washington St., Suite 301
Wenatchee, WA 98801

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

COMMISSIONER PRESENT/ABSENT

Doug England	Present	Ed Martinez	Present
Vicki Malloy	Present	Jesse Redell	Present
Ryan Kelso	Present	Cherié Warren	Present
James Wiggs	Present	David Donovanick	Present
Joel Walinski	Present		

STAFF PRESENT

Catherine Lorbeer, Assistant Director
Jamie Strother, Senior Planner
Alex White, Planner II
Wendy Lane, Permit Clerk

PUBLIC PRESENT

ZOOM MEETING – 17 PARTICIPANTS INCLUDING STAFF AND PC MEMBERS

Vice Chair Vicki Malloy opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chair for the year. Commissioner Ed Martinez nominated Commissioner Doug England. Vice Chair Vicki Malloy seconded the nomination.

Vote – unanimous

Chairman Doug England opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice Chair for the year. Commissioner Joel Walinski nominated Vice Chair Vicki Malloy.

Vote – unanimous

MINUTES

Chairman Doug England asked the Planning Commission if they had read the minutes from the November 17, 2021, meeting.

MOTION:

Motion made by Commissioner Joel Walinski, seconded by Commissioner Jesse Redell, to approve the November 17, 2021, minutes.

Vote – unanimous

Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Carl Blum asked for an opportunity to speak to the Commissioners for a few moments at the end of the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUISINESS:

Public Hearing PBRs 21-062 White

Planner II Alex White presented the application. Staff recommends approval.

Commissioner Ryan Kelso recused himself from this application as he knows the applicants.

Questions and comments from the Commissioners were addressed by Planners Jamie Strother and Alex White.

Chairman Doug England opened the hearing for public comment. There were none.

The applicants, Greg and Cheryl White, explained the use of the outbuildings on the property.

Chairman Doug England closed the public portion of the hearing.

MOTION:

Motion made by Commissioner Vicki Malloy, seconded by Commissioner David Donovanick, to approve Public Benefit Rating System, PBRs 21-062, to be approved as open space classification for the 8.48 acres of land owned by Greg and Cheryl White.

Vote – in favor: Commissioners Malloy Donovanick, England, Walinski, Wiggs, Redell, Warren
opposed: Commissioner Martinez
recused: Commissioner Kelso

Motion carries.

Public Hearing ZTA 21-587 SMP Appendix B: Critical Areas

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

Questions and comments were addressed from the Commissioners by Assistant Director Catherine Lorbeer, Senior Planner Jamie Strother, and Planner II Alex White.

Chairman Doug England opened the hearing for public comment.

Karen Merritt, 16518 South Lakeshore Road, Chelan, would like more review on the matter before a decision is made.

Chairman Doug England closed the hearing for public comment.

There was discussion among the Commissioners concerning the application.

MOTION:

Motion made by Commissioner Ed Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Cherié Warren, to approve as recommended by staff.

There was a discussion among the Commissioners concerning the public and agency comment period still being active.

Vote – in favor: Commissioners Martinez and Warren
oppose: Commissioners Kelso, Malloy, Redell, Walinski, Donovanick, and Wiggs.

Motion fails

MOTION:

Motion made by Commissioner Joel Walinski, seconded by Commissioner Vicki Malloy, to continue the hearing until the February 23, 2022 Planning Commission meeting.

Vote – unanimous

Motion carries.

Proposed Planning Commission schedule for 2022

Discussion among the Commissioners about the dates proposed for the Planning Commission meetings. It was agreed upon that the date put forth in December would be moved forward one week to December 14, 2022, to allow more time around the holidays.

DISCUSSION, at the CHAIR's DISCRETION:

Assistant Director Catherine Lorbeer explained to the Commissioners that, in the future, PC Packets will need to be downloaded from the County Website, in an effort to streamline the process and insure that

everyone gets the information at the same time.

Vice Chair Vicki Malloy wanted to acknowledge Director Jim Brown and all of the work that was done, under his direction, to create a functioning Community Development department. Through his hard work and ability, the department was able to contend with very difficult decision-making. Commissioner Martinez also echoed the praises of Director Brown and his achievements.

Vice Chair Vicki Malloy also recognized former Commissioners Jim Newberry and Carl Blum, for all of their hard work and dedication to Chelan County.

Carl Blum spoke and thanked everyone he worked with on the Planning Commission for their support and appreciation. In going forward, he cautioned to be aware of outside forces with land use in our county. He also urged the Commissioners to read Mr. Jim Brown's resignation letter where he clearly states some of the problems that we are going to face.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Next Planning Commission Meeting to be held on February 23, 2022, at 6:00 pm, – a Zoom meeting.

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