



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of Planning Commission, Regular Meeting

Date of Meeting

January 11, 2024

Time of Meeting

5:45 PM

Place of Meeting

**Council Chambers
501 North Anderson Street
Ellensburg, WA 98926
And remotely via Zoom**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members

Commissioner Padjen called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Present: Ed Harrel, Delano Palmer, Fred Padjen, George Bottcher (arrived 5:58 p.m.), Sathy Rajendran, Sigrid Davison (arrived 6:05 p.m.), Geraldine O'Mahony

Absent:

Also Present: Jeremy Johnston-Planning Manager; Dan Carlson-Community Development Director; Kathy Boots-Planning Technician; David Miller-City Council Liaison

2. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Rajendran motioned to approve the agenda. Motion passed 5-0.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.A Approval of December 14, 2023 Minutes

Commissioner Harrel motioned to approve December 14, 2023, regular meeting minutes. Motion passed 5-0.

4. New Business

4.A Assignment of Chair and Vice Chair Positions for 2024

Padjen nominated Harrel for Chair. Harrel accepted the nomination.

Harrel nominated Palmer for Vice Chair. Palmer accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Harrel is Chair and Commissioner Palmer is Vice Chair.

Harrel took over as chair for the remainder of the meeting.

4.B Public Hearing to consider a Supportive Housing Ordinance

Carlson read the staff report. ESSHB 1220 was explained. The Commission reviewed the ordinance in November. The Commission had recommended approval to the City Council. The Department of Commerce had changes that were required. The ordinance was revised and presented to the Department of

Commerce, who approved the changes. The changes to the ordinance were reviewed. The permanent supportive housing definition was changed. Permanent Supportive Housing and Transitional Housing were moved to the residential use table. The operation plan was removed, but an example will be available. Spacing requirements were removed. Occupancy standards will be based on zoning maximums, International Building Code and International Fire Code. When a Conditional Use Permit is going to be required, was reviewed. No public comments were received after noticing. The changes are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan goal H-2 & Policy E. Staff recommends approval of Supportive Housing Facilities Code Amendments to be forwarded to the City Council. Public comment opened. No public comment. Public comment closed. Commissioner O'Mahoney inquired about why there is a time limit put on the housing. The housing is transitional. The definitions are from the Growth Management Act and RCW's. Citizen versus resident terms in the ordinance were explored. Commissioner Davison joined meeting at 6:05 p.m. after having connection issues. Public comment reopened. No questions from Commissioner Davison. Public comment closed.

Commissioner O'Mahoney motioned to recommend approval of the Supportive Housing Ordinance and move it forward to the City Council. The commission discussed the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

5. Unfinished Business

None

6. Citizen Comment

None

7. Staff Update/Discussion Items

None

8. Commission Representative Update

David Miller will be the new City Council Liaison for 2024. He introduced himself to the Commission.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.