



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of Planning Commission, Regular Meeting

Date of Meeting

August 8, 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 Harrell called the meeting to order at 5:49 p.m.

Present: Ed Harrell, Michael Buehn, Geraldine O'Mahony, Sigrid Davison

Absent: Sathy Rajendran (excused), George Bottcher (unexcused)

Also Present: Jeremy Johnston-Planning Manager; Kathy Boots-Planning Technician; David Miller-City Council Liaison (arrived at 6:00 p.m.); Dan Carlson-Director

Commissioner Davison motioned to excuse Commissioner Rajendran's absence. Motion passed 4-0.

2. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Davison motioned to approve the agenda. Motion passed 4-0.

3. Approval of Minutes

- 3.A Approval of Minutes for July 11, 2024 Joint Planning Commission Meeting
Commissioner Buehn motioned to approve the minutes from July 11, 2024.
Motion passed 4-0.

4. New Business

4.A General Update

Staff member Johnston provided the Commission with general updates.

1. In September, the annual docket will start to be updated. Today the SEPA was issued. The Department of Commerce has received the changes. If they are approved, then they will be brought back to the Planning Commission for recommendation to the City Council.

2. There is one citizen's proposed amendment to change a zoning designation.
3. The Palouse trail may be increased by the Parks Department requirement for a project.

4. The future land use map needed a couple of changes.

5. The Capitol Improvement Plan was discussed.

The land development code will hopefully be brought before the Commission at

one of the October meetings. There are proposed changes to duplexes, townhomes, accessory dwelling units, and multifamily units. Project timelines were changed due to state regulations and general code clean up. The Landmarks & Design code section has some changes proposed.

5. Unfinished Business

None

6. Citizen Comment

None

7. Staff Update/Discussion Items

7.A Affordable Housing Project Updates

On August 5, 2024, the City Council signed a letter of intent for the Inversion Design affordable housing project. The contract needs to be signed by January 2025.

The Catherine property has new access and the irrigation is piped. The property will be evaluated after a year of drying out.

Stewart Meadows is requesting a CHIP draw.

7.B Commission Vacancy

The Commission has a vacancy. Commissioners were asked to spread the word.

7.C Commissioner Inquiry

Commissioner Harrell inquired about the amount of pavement on the Sanders/Airport road developments. Harrell wanted to know if the City has received contact on The Agate project. There has been no contact from the owners.

8. Commission Representative Update

None

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.