



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Minutes Planning Commission, Regular Meeting

March 10, 2022

5:30 PM

Council Chambers 501 North Anderson Street

Ellensburg, WA 98926

And remotely via Zoom

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Roll Call Present In-Person: Fred Padjen, George Bottcher, Beverly Heckart

Roll Call Present-Via Zoom: Ed Harrel, Sigrid Davison, Sathy Rajendran, Geraldine O'Mahony

Absent:

Also present in person: Jamey Ayling, Planning Manager; Rich Elliot Council Liaison(virtual); Josh Hackney, Central Washington Disability Resources (CWDR) and Mayra Calazo CWDR Director (virtual)

2. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Heckart moved to Approve the Agenda as amended. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

3. Approval of the Minutes

3.A. Approve Minutes of the February 10, 2022 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Heckart moved to Approve the Minutes with the corrections noted. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

4. New Business

5. Unfinished Business

6. Citizen Comment

Josh Hackney from CWDR introduced himself and his director Mayra Colazo to the commission. Director Colazo commented that she and her group are very interested in the role the Planning Commission plays in helping people in Ellensburg with disabilities and looks forward to working with the commission in the future. Commissioner Bottcher shared with them the link on the city website that allows citizens to be notified about things the city is doing and get all of the meeting notices. Chair Padjen commented that he will keep people with disabilities in the forefront when making decisions in the future.

7. Staff Update

a. Discussion on permitted use table ECC 15.310.040 "permitting temporary shelters"

Planner Ayling introduced the topic and directed the commission to the information he sent to prep for the meeting. Discussion followed about where the temporary shelters listing be added to the residential use table and where it should be permitted in our current zones.

b. Discussion and prioritization of Housing Action Plan Strategies

Planner Ayling shared the strategies section of the Adopted HAP. With the grant funding the commission has decided on four strategies to work on. Ayling wanted to know what other strategies the commissioners want to work on next. After discussion of all the strategies that were listed in the HAP the commissioners decided on prioritizing the following:

1. # 8 Preserving income restricted affordable housing developments
2. #10 Research and Implement financial strategies that construct new affordable housing units.
3. # 3 which includes encouraging the amnesty of ADU's so they can be allowed if already constructed.
4. # 11 & 12 Support relocation assistance and continue community outreach and education
5. # 13 Build a partnership with DEI by having a joint commission meeting

There was discussion of adding another strategy- #15- encourage more MHP development.

8. Commission Representative Update

9. Adjournment

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