

SKAMANIA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

Tuesday, May 4, 2021, 6:15 PM

REMOTE PARTICIPATION BY ZOOM MEETING TELEPHONE AND VIDEO CONFERENCE

1. CALL TO ORDER

Cyndi Soliz called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Cyndi Soliz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Planning Commissioners Present: Anita Gahimer Crow, Sue Davis, John Prescott, Cyndi

Staff Present: Mike Beck, Andrew Lembrick, Alan Peters

4. AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Approval of minutes from the April 20, 2021 Planning Commission Meeting.

 John Prescott moved to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2021 Planning

 Commission Meeting. Anita Gahimer Crow seconded the motion. Motion passed
 4-0.
- b. Workshop to discuss recreational facilities.

Alan Peters presented updated draft recreational facility development standards and provided responses to questions and suggestions raised at the previous meeting. Alan Peters also presented staff's proposal for consolidating the existing residential uses into six new terms and amending the use lists for each zone.

A member of the public in attendance, Becky Fromm, wished to speak and was allowed by the Chair. Ms. Fromm spoke of her desire to establish a recreational site on Carson Creek, but has not been allowed to in the High-Density Residential zone. She also spoke of application costs.

John Prescott stated that Steven Epling provided written comments regarding the review process and application costs to expand his existing recreational facility on the Washougal River.

Staff explained the particular obstacles towards both properties and the review required due to the conditional use process and shoreline master program. The



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Planning Commission could consider a different process for permit revisions or expansions.

The Planning Commission discussed the public comments and staff's proposal. Anita Gahimer Crow provided several recommendations to improve the existing draft. Cyndi Soliz discussed whether it would be appropriate to expand allowances for recreational facilities in the West End Rural Lands designations. Staff suggested that there may be other areas where changes might be appropriate, but changes should be consistent with the comprehensive plan. The Planning Commission could also propose amending the comprehensive plan if they felt that the proposed regulations warranted reconsideration of the plan policies.

The Planning Commission discussed next steps and determined that a public hearing should be scheduled for June 1, 2021. The May 18, 2021 meeting will be cancelled to provide staff and the Planning Commission time to prepare for the hearing. Cyndi Soliz volunteered to review the West End plan and Alan Peters agreed to review the Carson High Density Residential zoning in preparation for the hearing.

5. PLANNING COMMISSION BUSINESS

Staff discussed the upcoming meeting schedule and upcoming items on the Planning Commission's work plan.

6. ADJOURN

Cyndi Soliz adjourned the meeting at 7:47 PM.