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# SKAMANIA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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## MINUTES

**Tuesday, June 1, 2021, 6:15 PM**

REMOTE PARTICIPATION BY ZOOM MEETING TELEPHONE AND VIDEO CONFERENCE

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Cyndi Soliz called the meeting to order at 6:16 PM.

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Cyndi Soliz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3. ROLL CALL

Planning Commissioners Present: Ken Bajema, Anita Gahimer Crow, Sue Davis, Mat Joy, John Prescott, Cyndi Soliz

Staff Present: Mike Beck, Andrew Lembrick, Alan Peters

### 4. AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Approval of minutes from the May 4, 2021 Planning Commission Meeting.  
Sue Davis moved to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2021 Planning Commission Meeting. John Prescott seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
- b. PUBLIC HEARING, CONSIDERATION, AND VOTE on proposed amendments to Title 21 (Zoning) adopting land use definitions, development standards, and revising use allowances related to recreational facilities.

Cyndi Soliz opened the public hearing. The following members of the public testified:

Becky Fromm  
Steven Epling  
Cathy Titchenal  
Viviann Kuehl  
Erica Jessel  
Debbie Taylor  
Tyla Smith

Cyndi Soliz closed the public hearing. Planning Commissioners discussed a recent land use appeal hearing regarding a cell tower modification that was brought up during the hearing. Staff provided some background on the issue and the Planning Commission expressed a desire to be responsive to these concerns, but wanted to stick to the meeting agenda and discuss these issues at a future meeting date.



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Mike Beck provided a summary of the proposal and the process which included public workshops and noticing. Staff recommended that the Planning Commission forward a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners.

Planning Commissioners considered the public comments and proposal. The Planning Commissioners discussed the proposed 10:30 PM cutoff for amplified noise at events and whether this would conflict with the noise ordinance. It was determined that the time cutoff be removed entirely. Various options were discussed for how to proceed. Planning Commissioners expressed interested in revising the land use matrix to allow recreational uses in other zones, but did not want to hold up the proposal.

Anita Gahimer Crow moved to recommend approval of the proposal including the proposed definitions, standards, and land use matrix with the understanding that the Planning Commission would look into the use allowances in more detail in the near future. John Prescott seconded the motion. Anita Gahimer Crow amended the motion to include removal of the 10:30 PM noise restriction. The Planning Commissioners discussed the motion. Anita Gahimer Crow repeated the motion, clarifying that the Planning Commission would look at the use allowances as soon as possible. The Planning Commission approved the motion 5-0, with Ken Bajema abstaining.

### **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 7:35 PM.