

SKAMANIA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

Tuesday, June 15, 2021, 6:15 PM

REMOTE PARTICIPATION BY ZOOM MEETING TELEPHONE AND VIDEO CONFERENCE

1. CALL TO ORDER

Sue Davis called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Sue Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Planning Commissioners Present: Ken Bajema, Anita Gahimer Crow, Sue Davis, Mat Joy,

John Prescott

Staff Present: Mike Beck, Andrew Lembrick, Alan Peters

4. AGENDA ITEMS

a. Approval of minutes from the June 1, 2021 Planning Commission Meeting.

John Prescott moved to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2021 Planning

Commission Meeting. Ken Bajema seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

b. Workshop:

i. Zoning recreation facility use allowances

Alan Peters updated the planning commission on the status of the proposed recreational facility standards. Staff is bringing this item back to the planning commission as requested to determine if any changes are needed to what zones and what circumstances these uses are allowable. The planning commission was in favor of staff's approach to this topic. John Prescott stated his preference for the least restrictions, simplifying where possible, complying with the comprehensive plan, and ensuring a robust public process.

ii. Zoning code land use audit

Alan Peters explained the process that staff would undertake to complete the land use audit, including creation of a comprehensive land use matrix. Once staff completes this task they will bring it back to the planning commission for review to determine next steps in the process. Ultimately staff would like to see a matrix adopted into the code.



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iii. Home occupations/light home industries

Staff explained the existing regulations applicable to light home industries. Some planning commissioners felt that the existing regulations were sufficient and provided enough flexibility. Anita Gahimer Crow and Mat Joy raised some ambiguities in the code that could be clarified, including sections on disturbing influences, and signage. The planning commission also discussed the number of allowable employees. Staff felt that these were reasonable concerns that could be addressed with minor changes to the text.

5. PLANNING COMMISSION BUSINESS

6. ADJOURN

Sue Davis adjourned the meeting at 7:11 PM.