



SKAMANIA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES

Tuesday, November 2, 2021, 6:15 PM

SKAMANIA COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX, LOWER MEETING ROOM

170 NW VANCOUVER AVENUE, STEVENSON, WA 98648

REMOTE PARTICIPATION BY ZOOM MEETING TELEPHONE AND VIDEO CONFERENCE

1. CALL TO ORDER

Sue Davis, acting Chair, 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, Ann Cline (participated remotely), Anita Gahimer Crow, Sue Davis, Mat Joy (participated remotely)

Absent: Cyndi Soliz

Staff Present: Mike Beck, Andrew Lembrick, Alan Peters

4. AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Approval of minutes from the October 19, 2021, Planning Commission Meeting.

Ken Bajema moved to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2021, Planning Commission Meeting as presented. Anita Gahimer Crow seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

- b. Discussion of amendments to Title 22, Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Ordinance.

Acting Chair Sue Davis opened the workshop. She stated that the Planning Commission had previously proposed creating a committee to review the Title 22 amendments, but Staff instead scheduled an additional workshop being held tonight.

Alan Peters gave a presentation on the background of the National Scenic Area, the Management Plan, and Title 22. Mr. Peters outlined some of the changes that have been incorporated into the draft amendments, including mandatory changes and other changes proposed by Staff. He also discussed the benefits of maintaining the county's implementation of Title 22 and potential consequences of rescinding the ordinance.



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Sue Davis opened up the meeting for public comment. The following members of the public provided comments:

1. Scott Burns, property owner
2. Tamara Kaufman, Gorge Commissioner appointed by Skamania County
3. Aiden Forsi, Columbia River Gorge Commission
4. Mike Mullett, property owner
5. Steve McCoy, Friends of the Columbia Gorge

Alan Peters provided responses to questions or comments posed by the public and emphasized that Staff appreciated the public's comments and invited any feedback on the draft document.

Sue Davis invited the Planning Commissioners to respond to the presentation and comments. Ann Cline introduced herself and expressed her willingness to assist with typographical edits to the document. Ken Bajema stated that he did not believe the changes were in the interest of residents. Mat Joy stated that he would have more to say at the upcoming hearing, but that he determined this was not the right time to rescind Title 22. Anita Gahimer Crow discussed the parts of the proposal that were initiated by staff. Staff expressed their willingness to meet with any Planning Commissioners over the next couple of weeks to discuss the proposal in more detail. The meeting was disrupted when the internet disconnected momentarily.

5. PLANNING COMMISSION BUSINESS

Staff reminded the Planning Commission that there would be a public hearing on the Title 22 updates at the November 16, 2021, meeting.

6. ADJOURN

Sue Davis adjourned the meeting at 7:49 PM.