



Skamania County Planning Commission

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, February 4, 2020
Skamania County Annex
170 NW Vancouver Avenue
Stevenson, WA 98648**

Planning Commission Members: Community Development Department Staff
Present: Cyndi Soliz, Sue Davis, Ken Bajema, Present:
John Prescott, Tony Coates, Mathew Joy Alan Peters, Andrew Lembrick, Mike Beck
(arrived after meeting start)

Absent: Adam King

AUDIENCE

See attached sign-in sheet.

PROCEEDINGS

Meeting was called to order at 6:17 P.M. by Vice Chair, Cyndi Soliz
Quorum was met.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approve Minutes from the January 21, 2020 Planning Commission meeting.
 - a. Motion was made by Sue Davis and seconded by Ken Bajema to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2020 Planning Commission Meeting.
 - b. Motion passed 5-0.

 2. Consideration and vote on proposed adoption of a revised Critical Areas Ordinance. The proposal will replace the County's existing critical areas regulations, first adopted in 1996. The update is being conducted as part of the required periodic review by the Growth Management Act.
 - a. Chair Mat Joy arrived and chaired the remainder of the meeting.
 - b. Alan Peters reminded the Planning Commission that the a public hearing was held on January 21st and that the Planning Commission should now forward a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Peters gave a summary of minor changes made based on planning commission recommendations, public comment, and clerical errors.
 - c. Chair Mat Joy opened the meeting to discussion by the Planning Commission.
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- i. John Prescott and Cyndi Soliz, stated support for the proposed ordinance as drafted.
 - ii. Tony Coates stated support for the ordinance, however had concerns that none of the Planning Commission members present owned property with critical areas.
- d. Cyndi Soliz moved to recommend that the Board of County Commissioners adopt the proposed Critical Areas Ordinance as stated in the findings of the Staff Report presented February 4, 2020. Tony Coates seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0 with all Planning Commission members present (Mat Joy, Ken Bajema, Cyndi Soliz, Tony Coates, Sue Davis, John Prescott) voting in favor.
- e. Alan Peters explained the final approval process before the Board of County Commissioners.

3. Planning Commission Business.

- a. Alan Peters explained that there may not be a second meeting in February. The likely next topic would be regarding small scale wind energy projects.
- b. There was some discussion pertaining to review of short term vacation rentals. Alan Peters had described different stakeholders engaged in the short term vacation rental review including private citizens, operators of short term vacation rental facilities and traditional lodging operators.

4. MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:43 after motion by John Prescott, seconded by Cyndi Soliz.

ATTEST

Planning Commission Chair

Secretary