



## **SULTAN PLANNING BOARD MINUTES HYBRID/REMOTE MEETING October 15, 2024**

### **PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Michael Weidman, Chair  
Judie Cyr, Vice Chair  
Whitney Quillin  
Emily Keyes  
Ken Morrell

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Hal Hart, Planning Director  
Cyd Donk, Associate Planner  
Mark Bond, Assistant Planner

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.

### **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:**

None.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

Brandyn Miller, Sultan WA emailed her comments along with verbal testimony.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Approval of Planning Board Minutes for the October 1, 2024, meeting. Member Quillin makes a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Member Morrell. All Ayes.

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

Chair Weidman opened the public hearing for the 2024 Comprehensive Plan update hearing at 7:07 p.m.

Staff gave a report on the Comprehensive Plan Update, reviewing each of the 9-elements:

- Vision Statement
- Community Design Element
- Land Use Element

- Housing Element
- Natural Element
- Economic Development
- Parks and Recreation
- Transportation
- Capital Facilities and Utilities

There was no public present in the audience and only one attending through Zoom.

Member Cyr asked about addressing the agency comment letters. Staff responded that city staff will be responding to the agency comments but would be very interested in hearing what the Board comments or suggestions would be so we can bring them to the meeting on Friday. Morrell mentioned the environmental corridors, he stated that he had elk on his property, and he has never seen them on the Skykomish River.

CA Christian gave a point of clarified on the process of how to amend the comprehensive plan. Brief discussion over the process.

WSDOT letter the city received, regarding the 4-lanes, will the change happen. CA stated that this will be discussed on Friday with staff.

Chair Weidman wanted to speak for the stakeholders that are not here and cannot speak for what they want. Quillin asked if the deficiencies would be addressed as on page 40. CA stated that he would like them to keep in mind, the latest number of \$250 million for improvements to Highway 2, reminded them that most of these are grant funded, so most of the projects will always show a deficit. There are other avenues for funding, but it gets harder and harder every year. Utilities are funded partially through rate studies through utility increases.

Staff will continue to provide comments to the PB members to review and we can discuss them at the next hearing.

No public or public comments from the public.

***Motion to continue the hearing for tonight and continue it on to October 29, 2024 by Quillin and seconded by Morrell.***

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:**

Staff gave a development update on Wyndham Highlands 1, Daisy Grove and Daisy Brook. Carwash and VOAWW Teen Center updates, various infill developments throughout town and Susie's Trail. Staff relayed the message that Susie's trail was open to 400 cross country runners in an event recently.

Next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for October 29, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. continuation of the public hearing for the Comprehensive Plan and opening of the public hearing on the Development Code Update.

**PLANNING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

None.

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Quillin made a motion to adjourn, Morrell seconded. All Ayes

**Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.**