



SULTAN PLANNING BOARD MINUTES HYBRID/REMOTE MEETING October 1, 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 7:03 p.m.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Brandyn Miller, from the last meeting. Thanked the Board for their acceptance of adding the word health, she felt heard. Would like to add another word or focus or phrase with environmental sustainability. Found the phrase throughout the elements but would like to see it in each one.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of Planning Board Minutes for the September 17th meeting. Member Quillin makes a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Member Cyr. All Ayes.

DISCUSSION AND STUDY ITEMS:

Discuss the Public Hearings for the Comp Plan on October 15, 2024, and the Public Hearing for the Development Code Updates on October 29, 2024.

Board discusses any last items that they may have concerns over. Quillin asked about page 158 of the draft plan and the paving the trails and asked if this was a requirement.

Discussion ADA requirements and maintenance reasons. City Administrator stated that the city does not have a full-time maintenance department, and upkeep would be easier and financially sound. This is a 20-year outlook, the comp plan is visionary (tape at 7:28pm) allow the city to go out for grants to fund the work. Pedestrian trail system in the future from the ped bridge to Travelers Park.

Morrell asked if projects on pages 160 and 161 have been completed. City Administrator stated that projects in the comp plan are put there to be able to apply for grants, this means that the projects get pushed out.

Morrell would like to make a motion to put an indoor swimming pool to the capital facilities list into the comp plan so the opportunity to find funding for the pool can happen. Quillin seconded. Discussion. All ayes.

Keyes would like to make a recommendation to add a splash pad, seconded by Morrell. Discussion. All Ayes.

The CA - that the splash pad could be funded under additional park amenities.

Quillin would like to see that the funding/grants are laid out to show what the public pays for and what grants pay for.

CA - Parks is general fund money, no dedicated park fund. Impact fees do add up and those can be used to pay for things. Most of the money in the parks fund went to Mountain View Park. Next Thursday is the first PH for the Budget. No votes will be taken at that meeting, but Council will look at the numbers for next year.

Cyr – Parks & Rec Element – adding the word health, looked up what types of exercise equipment BIG IDEAS ITEM #1.

Cyr would like to make a motion to change the sentence in Parks & Recreation Element Item #1 to read “this includes new play and/or fitness equipment, trails, lighting, benches and safety features’. Seconded by Keyes. Discussion. All Ayes.

Motion made at the September 17, 2024; meeting reads as follows:

Motion made by Cyr to encompass Brandyn’s comment regarding the work “health” be added to Park & Recreation Element. Under What’s New Item (1) add This includes new health-oriented play equipment, trails, lighting, benches and relaxation.” Quillin seconded. All Ayes.

Quillin – Transportation Element page 216-225. CA explained the transportation modeling process. CA thinks they are thinking about the Complete Streets, and this would be a code update after the comp plan is adopted and come through code changes. Weidman said that the comp plan is just a plan and a vision of the future. CA stated that

the motions will not be in the draft plan, but the council will be reviewing the recommendations and deciding whether they will be accepted or not.

Morrell discussed 10th Street and the Wagley's Creek Bridge and culvert. CA stated that the 10th Street and Wagley's Creek Bridge is set to be redesigned and high on the list. Morrell clarified that it is the Wagley's Creek Bridge on Dyer Road. CA is aware of the need for this culvert to be fixed and it is on the public works work list for quite some time, just do not know when it will be worked on. It will be expensive to fix.

Weidman stated again that the Comp Plan is a vision for the next 20-years of the direction that the city would like to go. Board went through the 9-elements with Staff in detail and moved onto the current project update.

Development Code Update review. Code update framework dated July 2, 2024, overview for Board to get a good feel for the State mandates. CA stated that the code updates are strictly mandatory and needed for the comp plan. The Board will have a chance to go over in detail in 2025.

Quillin asked about Middle Housing and where would it go. Staff gave an overview of the areas throughout Sultan where middle housing may fit in all the high-density areas and expanded on building in a flood zone and how housing may look differently because of the additional flood requirements.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:

Bothell update on housing and new T-ballpark at Reese Park.

SUMMARY OF MEETING RESULTS AND ACTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- Next Planning Board meeting is on October 15, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Public Hearing for Comprehensive Plan

PLANNING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

None.

STAFF COMMENTS:

None.

Carrie Arrents - Splash Pad in Oak Harbor is really nice.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.