



**SULTAN PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
HYBRID/REMOTE MEETING
September 17, 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 7:05 p.m.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of Planning Board Minutes for the July 16th, August 20th, and September 3rd meetings. Member Quillin makes a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Member Morrell. All Ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Brandyn Miller – Parks & Environment “adding the word erosion” adding words can make things clearer. Division strategy, focus on kids, meaningful, adding the word “health”. Under environment, under the housing, with all the housing that needs to be built, can we put requirements for green building on these new housing units. It would be a great opportunity to be on the foreword edge of development. Maybe Sultan can be a pioneer

on this kind of development. Thanked the Board for doing everything they do; she really appreciates it, and she just loves being in Sultan.

DISCUSSION AND STUDY ITEMS:

- 1) Discuss the Draft Comp Plan Elements remaining for tonight's discussion:
 - Parks & Recreation
 - Transportation
 - Capital Facilities & Utilities

Staff begins with an overview of tonight's content of the meeting packet and starts the discussion on the Parks & Recreation Element. Staff will send the most recently received comments from Fish & Wildlife and others as they come in. Staff had several comments on safety and lighting in the parks, consider these as something to enhance park amenities. Weidman mentioned that "Neighborhood Park" could give the message that the park is only for the neighborhood and maybe suggest a different name, like City Park that would encourage city use.

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.

Weidman noted that most of the outreach comments that he read in the material mentioned trails. Staff noted

Quillin asked when the Park budget numbers for 2024 will be in? Staff noted that he would check with the mayor.

Comments on paving trails, why are they paving so many trails? Is it accessibility reasons? Can we leave them as gravel. Staff will check with Nate, the PW Director for the response.

Osprey Park, replace the grass with synthetic turf. Is there a reason why they want to use synthetic turf rather than grass. Staff noted that the ability to use the turf year-round and easier to take care of. Weidman also that it is probably a better financial move to use turf.

Staff gave an overview of the Transportation Element. Weidman started with What's New #2 stating that it should say something different because it sounds like double talk, just wants it to say something clearer. Staff noted that in the Transportation Element, Volume 2. Page 152 under the LOS, LTS is described that the bicycle user perception

Weidman made a motion to change the word "Stress", Cyr seconded. Discussion, Quillin stated that the word "stress" could be identified as an experience and maybe not the word. Keyes said "use-case" comes to mind but

doesn't think that that is the word either. Cyr noted how do they know that it is an unsafe street, she stated by feedback. Staff reviewed the stress calculation in the Transportation Element as shown on Page 153 of Volume 2. Weidman made a motion to withdraw his previous motion and made a new Motion to add the word feedback. Seconded by Cyr. Discussion Quillin stated that quality is important too and it should be separate from feedback. Cyr stated that if we added the word feedback, that it may open a bigger can of worms. Cyr stated that we should end this for now. Quillin stated that the sentence does not read well but with description it does. One vote Aye, remainder Nays. Motion fails.

Quillin stated that on the transportation graph on page 149 there is only one bike lane on Figure T-3, she would like to see more bike trails especially around the schools. To show supporting the kids around school with more bike's lanes and trails. Knows this is a work in progress but would like to see more bike lanes in the future.

Quillin would like to make a motion to emphasis more bike lanes as a multimodal means of transportation around our schools and downtown area to the level, not currently reflected in the Comp Plan throughout the city. Cyr Seconded. Discussion, Keyes shares an experience of the trail she grew up in at the Port of Angeles and wondered what it would take to make a trail like that happen? Property owners buying in? Staff noted that there was an existing rail that they were able to use to make the trail more realistic. All Ayes, Motion passed.

Capital Facilities and Utilities discussion started with Staff reading the What's New items. Weidman asked what are the deficiencies for water and sewer? Discussion of deficiencies in the water and sewer plans. Discussion on transportation classifications of roads. Staff asks if the strategy for future investments makes sense or if asking the PW Director this information would be more helpful.

Morrell asked if there were any electrical improvements that would be coming into Sultan as in to require PUD to upgrade services. Staff stated that PUD is its own entity, and they have their own upgrade plan, and the city is not a part of it.

Quillin asked about having the developers take on more fees. Staff stated that you may have heard that "Growth pays for growth." Between staff and board brief discussion over the different impact fees and how developers help pay for improvements throughout the city.

STAFF PRESENTATION:

Staff goes over the on-going outreach for the Comp Plan, future developments and Development Code Updates that are mandated for the remainder of 2024 and 2025 and what the rest of the year looks like for future meetings. Cyr asked if the prime land has been accounted for will the influx of developers change? Brief discussion.

SUMMARY OF MEETING RESULTS AND ACTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- Next Planning Board meeting is on October 1, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.
- Comparison for water/sewer and impact fees
- Provide outreach comments and DFDW comment letter.

PLANNING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Board thanks Staff for making copies and their good work.

STAFF COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.