



PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, June 12, 2019
7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

Chair LaVergne called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the flag salute.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair LaVergne, Vice Chair Whalen, Commissioners Balsley, Gillespie, Sweat, Boyle and White.

Absent: None

Staff Present: Trisha Summers, City Clerk

3. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Commissioner Boyle talked about moving any July meeting dates due to there being five Wednesdays in July. Commissioners agreed to keep the July meeting on the regularly scheduled date.

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. May 8, 2019 minutes to be amended and presented for approval at the next meeting.

6. REGULAR AGENDA

A. **Vacant Building Draft Ordinance**

B.

Vice Chair Whalen spoke about concerns on how to go forward due to email from City Attorney, Daniel Kenny. Ms. Whalen noted that she, Chair LaVergne, and Commissioner Gillespie have already met with Mayor Styron Sherrell regarding next steps and what can be done differently. The group asked for a 15-minute presentation to Council on June 17th to provide an update on the draft ordinance, the status of the Planning Commission, and to get some direction.

Chair LaVergne added that if a staff member is needed at a meeting, Planning Commission needs to let the Mayor know ahead of time and she will try to accommodate the request.

Commissioner Balsley stated that the Commission did amazing with what they were given, but the resources from the City were not available and she would like to know how council would like them to proceed. Ms. Balsley would like to see a better line of communication with council.

Commissioner White would like to review the City of Everett ordinance again to see what they did since they are a Washington city.

Commissioner Gillespie would like to work on the attorney comments and move forward, he did not feel that attorney was suggesting a do over in his email. Mr. Gillespie would like a meeting with council to go over the work plan in more detail and address the proper amount of work plan items and suggested that a meeting with them before the council meeting would work better than during it.

Commissioner Sweat agreed with Commissioner Gillespie and would like to continue to work on the ordinance.

Commissioner Boyle stated that the email from the attorney seems to send the Planning Commission off into the nuisance code. Mr. Boyle asked why the Attorney didn't weigh in on the vacant building ordinance before planning commission started work on it. He would like a planner at every meeting and feels that time is wasted having no legal review before Planning Commission starts work on Ordinances.

Discussion continued on the Commission's next steps regarding the ordinance and the information that the Commission wanted to be conveyed to Council on June 17th.

Motion "to suspend work on the Vacant Building Draft Ordinance until guidance is received from council and staff." (Gillespie/Sweat) **Passed 7/0**

7. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Chair LaVergne

- Looking forward to getting back into work plan and making a turning point from today.

Vice Chair Whalen

- Highly motivated to make it priority #1 to find a solution to the current work plan dysfunction.
- Attended ST3 meeting and heard comments at the Stakeholder Group level. The area of study is being narrowed down and there is lots of info online. Would like to see Planning Commission comment on ST3 routes.

Commissioner Sweat

- Gave Civil Service Update

Commissioner Balsley

- Would like to see the project development status reports come back if possible.

Commissioner Gillespie

- July 13th is Operation Clean City/Green City from 70th to the cemetery. The State will help sponsor the event.

Commissioner Boyle

- Thanks for excusing me from the last meeting. Will do better planning my schedule.
- Thank you to Chair and Vice Chair for presenting to Council on June 17th and I will be there to support you.

Commissioner White

- No report.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.



Chair Ryan LaVergne

