



SULTAN PLANNING BOARD MINUTES HYBRID/REMOTE MEETING June 13, 2023

PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Janet Peterson
Michael Weidman, Absent
Emily Keyes
Judie Cyr, Absent
Andrew Rockwell

STAFF PRESENT:

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Jeff Estes-

Stated he lives in Startup. He is concerned about the roundabout at Main St and Hwy 2 and felt that the intersection of Sultan Basin Rd and Hwy 2 should have been a priority. He is concerned that the Main St location was prioritized to allow for more density and not to improve traffic flow. He asked does this benefit corporations or the residents. Who will pay for things? Will the costs of trying to accommodate the higher densities hurt funding for other services that the community needs such as public safety and schools?

Ron Kraut-

Ron stated that he lives in Sultan and that he served on the planning board from 2000-2005. Ron said that the City Council Meetings minutes and recordings are easy to find but he has been having trouble trying to locate the minutes and the recordings of the Planning Board meetings.

PLANNING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

None.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Staff gave an update on developments and residential plats. Staff are collaborating with consultants on the Housing Action Plan due at the end of June. Staff went over the proposed schedule for adoption with the Board. Staff reviewed the 2024 Comprehensive Plan kickoff meeting the city is having with Frameworks, the consultant for the update. Staff gave an update on the newest International Code Council, Building Code called the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) code. The WUI code is specifically designed to mitigate the risks from wildfire to life and property. Last overview tonight was of the current building in Sultan. Staff stated that building is pick up and there have been 44-permitts issued in the first quarter of 2023 more than anticipated. There are 30-more building permits expected in the next coming week, or so. All information for land use projects, hearings and decisions are available on-line here: <https://www.ci.sultan.wa.us/167/Land-Use-Planning-Projects>

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes approved for the June 13, 2023, meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Opened the Public Hearing on the Housing Action Plan:

Director Hal Hart provided a staff report. We are having a second Public Hearing tonight to correct a procedural error that we made, and we want to make that right.

Power point by Andrew with Blueline

Public Comments received:

Jeff Estes-

Genuinely concerned about traffic congestion and that more housing will make a tough situation worse.

Ron Kraut-

We have the most affordable housing in Snohomish County right now. It is time for the other cities to step up and help provide lower cost housing. Expressed concerns about traffic congestion. Ron said the HAP has a different definition of affordable housing than the definition used in the Sultan Municipal Code. Ron stated that he does not think there is a need for affordable housing.

Closed the public hearing-

PRESENTATION:

Presentation on Comp. Plan Public Engagement by Tyler with Framework

Public Comment on presentation:

Jeff Estes-

Builders in the City of Snohomish were taking incentives but then were not delivering as promised. Asked that we research this.

Ron Kraut-

Shared that he liked the HAP binders in the library and supported that as a tool to reach the public. He said we have a huge problem because the County changed our urban growth area, but our prior comp plan does not match up with that change.

DISCUSSION AND STUDY ITEMS:

None.

SUMMARY OF MEETING RESULTS AND ACTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting on July 11th

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

None.

PLANNING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

None.

STAFF COMMENTS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

7:45 P.M.