



**SULTAN PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
REMOTE MEETING
September 15, 2020**

PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Janet Peterson
Michael Weidman
Gloria Reedy
Tom Green
Sean Standefer, Absent

STAFF PRESENT:

Andy Galuska, Planning Director
Cyd Donk, 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:

PLANNING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

None.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Staff gave update on projects. All information for Hearings and Decisions are available on-line here: <https://www.ci.sultan.wa.us/167/Land-Use-Planning-Projects>

Grading permits have been issued for two more plats and Daisy Crossing houses are started as well as Drury Lane across from the City Public Works yard on 1st Street.

Main Street Sewer Upgrades – update on project for Main Street and maintaining sewer concurrency, has started. There are 3-stages for the improvements and depending on the weather and available funds. Trying to accommodate the downtown businesses as much as possible. Should be completed by October.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Reedy made a motion to approve the August 4, 2020 minutes as submitted. Seconded by Wiedman. All Ayes.

PUBLIC HEARING

Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan

Hearing opened at 7:07 p.m. Staff gave an overview on the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan and introduced Aliah Marzolf with the Livable City Year Program. (Attach PowerPoint Presentation)

Public Comments

Genny Smith, 32624 Marguerite Lane, have lived in Sultan for the last year. Has grandsons on the weekends and have explored many parks in town. Read the PRO's Plan and understands that the city of Sultan needs more maintenance and safety for the existing parks. Updating trail maps, instead of hiring a consultant have the public get involved. The evacuation trail needs to be made accessible to all people who need to use it and was surprised that the trail is not up to par.

Angela Simons, 32709 Marguerite Lane, having a park near by sounds nice but there has been a lot of criminal activity in the area. They formed a neighborhood watch to help the community. Having another park to take care of doesn't really sound like a good idea. It would create more traffic and parking issues.

Discussion

Staff responded to public comments regarding maintenance. Staffing will be increasing and shifted to other activities including maintenance of the parks.

City partnered with the embedded social workers met with the mayor and police to offer services to transients and homeless population. CSO is doing her sweeps of parks, let her know if there are issues that need to be addressed.

Evacuation trail update, possible add lighting to the trail.

Wiedman throws out there to put up some cameras in the parks to discourage criminal activity.

Staff mentioned that there used to be cameras around town and some parks. The mayor has raised the question as well and it is on the list of things to look into.

Reedy asks if the cameras are monitored. Staff stated they are not monitored but they are recorded.

Peterson gave her overview on the PRO's Plan and all the good ideas that she read.

Chapter 7, implementation chapter has information on the purchase of property. Staff responded with some history on the Hammer property. The city sewer department owns the Hammer Park property. Discussion over Hammer Park property.

David Simons, 32709 Marguerite Lane, recites reasons why the Hammer Park is not a good idea. Attended a Council Meeting and felt there was an overwhelming negative response for having a park there. What is the city's plan for safety for the residence who live at Daisy Landing?

Motion to close the public hearing by Green and seconded by Reedy at 7:56 p.m.

Staff clarified that this is a policy documents and it does not mean that a park will be built on the Hammer Property.

Recommendation

Motion to send the PRO's Plan to City Council for consideration by Reedy and seconded by Green. All Ayes.

DISCUSSION AND STUDY ITEMS:

HB 1923 Code Projects: Cluster subdivisions, lot size averaging and parking code.

Staff gave an overview of HB1923. There is a grant program to assist city in addressing areas of the code that could use updating and clarification. The lot size averaging code is very hard to understand. Development for multi-family regulations needs to be revised to better address multi-family development.

Staff briefly went over cluster subdivisions and lot size averaging. The consultant will come to a meeting and give a presentation in the future.

The parking code is challenging as well especially in new developments which makes sense to look at the parking code. Staff and Board discussed parking issues and ideas. Discussion over emergency vehicles and access.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

None.

SUMMARY OF MEETING RESULTS AND ACTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting October 6, 2020
Parking Code
2021 Work Schedule/Plan

PLANNING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

None.

STAFF COMMENTS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Reedy made a motion to adjourn and close the meeting, Weidman seconded the motion.
All Ayes.

ADJOURNED 8:35 P.M.