



## PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 17, 2023 – 6 p.m. • Police & Court Campus – Multipurpose Room  
(1805 Continental Pl, Mount Vernon, WA)

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Director Groth called meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.
  - A. Commissioners Present: Orr, Carlson, Fikkert, Hardt, and Curry
  - B. Commissioners Absent: Vander Stoep and Johnson (both excused)
  - C. Staff Members Present: Darren Groth, DS Director
  - D. Others Present: None
- 2. CONSENT AGENDA:** Orr motioned to APPROVE, as presented, Carlson seconded. Commission voted 5-0 to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.
- 3. CITIZEN COMMENTS:** Groth read into the record comments received from Scott Correa (1020 Vera Ct)
- 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None
- 5. ACTION ITEMS:**
  - A. Elect Chair and Vice Chair**
    - a. Carlson nominated Orr for position of Chair, Orr accepted, Hardt seconded, commission voted 5-0 to APPROVE Orr for Chair.
    - b. Fikkert nominated Carlson for position of Vice-Chair, Carlson declined.
    - c. Curry nominated Fikkert for Vice-Chair, Fikkert accepted, Orr seconded, commission voted 5-0 to APPROVE Fikkert for Vice-Chair.
  - B. Schedule for 2023**
    - a. Groth opened the discussion presenting a recommendation for one monthly meeting to occur on the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Police & Court Campus Multipurpose Room.
    - b. Discussion ensued regarding the schedule.
    - c. Hardt motioned to APPROVE staff's recommended schedule, Carlson seconded. Commission voted 5-0 to approve.
- 6. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
  - A. OPMA Training**
    - a. Groth opened the topic and played an online training session from AWC.
    - b. The commission watched and participated in the training.
  - B. 2023 Work Plan**
    - a. Groth opened the discussion.
    - b. The Commission discussed the following key topics:
      - i. Training schedule;
      - ii. How to inform meeting agendas;
      - iii. Visioning for the Comprehensive Plan update; and
      - iv. Whether other department directors could brief the Commission during the year.
- 7. STAFF COMMENTS:** Groth provided clarification on this topic and what to expect.
- 8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:** Groth provided clarification on this topic and what to expect. Carlson asked about trains near homes and how to address this concern during the Comprehensive Plan process.
- 9. ADJOURN:** Chair Orr adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.