



PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 18, 2023 - 6 p.m. • Police & Court Campus - Multipurpose Room
(1805 Continental Pl, Mount Vernon, WA)

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Orr called meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
 - A. Commissioners Present: Orr, Vander Stoep, Carlson, Johnson, Fikkert, Hardt, and Curry
 - B. Commissioners Absent: None
 - C. Staff Members Present: Darren Groth, DS Director
Peter Donovan, Special Projects Manager
 - D. Others Present: Graham Rawson

- 2. CONSENT AGENDA:** Hardt moved to APPROVE, as presented, AVS seconded
Commission voted 7-0 to approve, as presented.

- 3. CITIZEN COMMENTS:** Graham Rawson commented on walkability, transit, and housing

- 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**
 - A. School District CFP/Impact fees**
 - 1) Chair Orr opened the public hearing at 6:32
 - 2) Groth briefed the Commission on the request
 - 3) Discussion ensued
 - 4) Chair Orr closed the public hearing at 6:44

- 5. ACTION ITEMS:**
 - A. School District CFP/Impact fees**
 - 1) Johnson motioned to Recommend APPROVAL, with the following two conditions.
 - a. A representative of the school district attends the City Council meeting to review the change in fees.
 - b. The discrepancy in figures between the district's CFP and the staff report is clarified.
 - 2) Carlson seconded the motion.
 - 3) Commission voted 7-0 to approve the motion.

- 6. TRAINING:** Comprehensive Plan Basics – watched MRSC training video

- 7. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
 - A. Comp Plan: Scheduling, Timing, PC Role**
 - 1) Chair Orr opened the discussed by outlining why this topic was included in the agenda
 - 2) Groth explained the periodic update process
 - 3) Discussion ensued
 - B. Comp Plan: Housing Element Review**
 - 1) Chair Orr opened the discussion and spoke about the housing element
 - 2) Discussion ensued

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C. Department Updates

- 1) Groth provided updates on various projects, staffing matters, and other general Development Services Department items.

D. APA Commission Membership

- 1) Groth asked if any Commission Members wanted to join the American Planning Association

E. 2023 Docket

- 1) Groth briefed on the status of the approved docket.

8. STAFF COMMENTS: None

9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

- A. Hardt asked about EDASC housing information and if that could be shared for the next meeting.
- B. Carlson asked about trees cleared downtown and if there was a plan to replace them.

10. ADJOURN: Chair Orr adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.