



PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 21, 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 6:00 p.m.
 - A. Commissioners Present: Orr, Vander Stoep, Johnson, Fikkert, Hardt
 - B. Commissioners Absent: Carlson and Curry
 - C. Staff Members Present: Darren Groth, DS Director
Jennifer Berner, Parks & Recreation Director
 - D. Others Present: Tom Beckwith, PROS Consultant

- 2. CONSENT AGENDA:** Johnson motioned to APPROVE, as presented, AVS seconded. Commission voted 5-0 to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

- 3. CITIZEN COMMENTS:** None

- 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

- 5. TRAINING:** Department of Commerce – Lexine Long presented

- 6. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
 - A. PROS Plan Update**
 - a. Director Berner opened the discussion and turned over to Beckwith.
 - b. Tom Beckwith presented survey results and discussed the PROS Plan.
 - B. Department Updates**
 - a. Groth updated the Commission on the items from last week’s City Council meeting.
 - C. Planning Commission Responsibilities**
 - a. Groth opened the topic, shared RCW and MVMC responsibilities, and asked Commissioners to identify how they wanted to shape the PC.
 - b. Johnson identified the current approval items in MVMC 14.05.
 - c. Discussion ensued.
 - D. 2023 Work Plan**
 - a. No further discussion.
 - E. 2023 Docket**
 - a. Groth presented the 18 listed items and gave a summary of each item.
 - b. Discussion ensued.

- 7. ACTION ITEMS:**
 - A. Recommendation on 2023 Docket**
 - a. Fikkert motioned to APPROVE, as presented, Vander Stoep seconded.
 - b. Commission voted 5-0 to approve, as presented.

- 8. STAFF COMMENTS:** None

- 9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**
 - A. Johnson asked about the design review process and discussions with City Council.
 - B. Hardt asked if other directors could share more about their departments prior to the Comprehensive Plan update.
 - C. Orr outlined how the Commission could focus on various Comp Plan elements to schedule director visits and suggested starting with Housing next month.

- 10. ADJOURN:** Chair Orr adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.