



## PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 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 6:08 p.m.
  - A. Commissioners Present: Orr, Carlson, Johnson, Vander Stoep and Hardt
  - B. Commissioners Absent: Fikkert and Curry
  - C. Staff Members Present: Rebecca Bradley-Lowell, Principal Planner  
Jennifer Berner, Parks Department Director  
Claire Kamak, Associate Planner  
Morgan Morrison, Senior Permit Technician
  - D. Others Present: 0
2. **Consent Agenda:** Orr approved consent agenda
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Parks, Recreation & Open Space Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan**
  - 1) Jennifer Berner updated commissioners on the PROS plan update. Hosted focus groups and an open house to obtain input from different parties. Reviewed proposed improvements for each park.
5. **Proposed Code Amendments Regarding Barbed Wire Fencing (Chapter 17.99 Fences and Walls)**
  - 1) Claire Kamak presented proposed amendments to the barbed wire fencing code.
6. **Amendment to Categorical Exemptions under SEPA (MVMC 15.06.095)**
  - 1) Rebecca Lowell presented proposed language changes in MVMC 15.06.095. The proposal is to change “environmentally sensitive areas” to “critical areas” bringing our code in alignment with state law.
7. **Miscellaneous – Good of the Order**
  - **Review Development Services City Council Committee Meeting Minutes from last month**
    - 1) Rebecca Lowell provided the commissioners with the periodic comp plan amendment update.
    - 2) Rebecca Lowell provided the commissioners with the update to the docket items.
  - **Commissioner Updates**
    - 1) Commissioner Carlson requested an update on street tree replacement for downtown.
8. **Adjourn:** Chair Orr adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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