

City of Mount Vernon
Planning Commission Meeting
Minutes November 5, 2019

Chairperson Shelley Acero called the meeting to order. Present were Planning Commission members Bekki Cox, Adair Orr, Christian Carlson, Senior Planner Lowell, Morgan Morrison, Development Services Director Chris Phillips

Planning Commission members Al Lyon, James Stewart and Christopher Bollinger were absent.

Ms. Cox moved, second by Mr. Orr, to approve the minutes from October 15, 2019. Motion carried.

Affordable Housing Code Amendment Public Hearing:

Mrs. Lowell presented the affordable housing code amendments. These amendments included 50% density increases in R-1 zones and doubling density in multi-family zones, doubling density in PUDs (threshold decreased from 10 to 5 acres), parking reductions and increased height in C-3 and C-4 zones, ADUs outright permitted use and increased from 900 sf to 1000 sf, and duplex and townhouse subdivision code.

Mrs. Acero opened the hearing for public comment.

Troy Faire, Burlington, WA- Owns commercial property within the City of Mount Vernon. Spoke in favor of the affordable housing code amendments.

Mr. Orr moved, second by Mr. Carlson, to continue the public hearing to November 19, 2019. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous:

Chris Phillips informed the Commission that the City received a \$125k grant. He also informed them about another possible sub-area plan for the fairgrounds area.

An update for the SmartGov system was also given.

There being no further business, Mr. Orr moved, second by Ms. Cox, to adjourn. Motion carried.