



Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission
April 16, 2024 - 6:30 PM

a. Call to Order

Planning Commission Chair, Joe Franett, called the meeting to order at (6:33 pm).

b. Pledge of Allegiance

c. Roll Call

- Present Commissioners: Mathew Desvoigne, Danielle Freiburger, Joe Fattizzi, Cassandra Sexson, Joe Franett
- Absent Commissioners: Pat Huggins, Silas Maddox
- Present Staff: Nicole McGowan
- Members of public in attendance: 0

d. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes from February 20, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting

Minutes from February 20, 2024, meeting were approved with minor edits.

e. General Public Comments

Please keep comments to three minutes or less. Because State law prohibits the use of city facilities for the purpose of supporting or opposing a campaign or ballot proposition, we respectfully request that public comment not make reference to such matters.

Written comments will be accepted by letter or via email at nmcgowan@sedro-woolley.gov Attn: 'Public Comment.'

Opened at 6:37 p.m., there were no participants online. Staff also had not received any emails or mail to be entered into the record. Public comments closed at 6:38 p.m.

f. Public Hearing(s)

None

g. Unfinished Business

Commissioner, Joe Franett, mentioned how truly unaffordable tiny homes really are with the price to build and associated fees that go along with it. Overall, the commissioners would like to see more specific details, definitions, and research completed before moving forward.

h. New Business

1. Proposed Amendments to Chapter 12.40 SWMC and SWMC 17.50.070 to Update Tree Standards

Planner, Nicole McGowan, gave a brief overview of the proposed amendment change. This proposed amendment is intended to rectify issues that Public Works and the Planning Department have been having regarding tree planting. A few major issues are being addressed in the new amendment, one being trees are being planted too close to underground utility lines and sidewalks without root barriers which have caused and or have the potential to cause damage to such infrastructure. Currently, some trees listed in the city's list of recommended trees do not fit into their respective categories and should be recategorized for various reasons. The new draft presented is intended to remedy these issues. A requirement was added that root barriers must be installed within 5 feet of a pedestrian walkway, including sidewalks, and/or within 5 feet of an underground utility line. This new addition was also added under Landscaping Chapter 17.50. The Planning Department is asking to hold a discussion on the proposed amendment changes and have the Planning Commission recommend any changes be made. The Planning Commission recommended vision clearance language be added to the proposed amendment, possibly under section 12.40.130. Planning staff was tasked with making this minor edit, then preparing for a public hearing at the next Planning Commission meeting.

i. Adjournment

(Time 7:53)

ATTEST:



Joe Franett, Planning Commission Chair

APPROVED:

Planning Commission Secretary