

**MINUTES
OMAK PLANNING COMMISSION
ZOOM MEETING
MARCH 1, 2022**

Call to Order:

Chairwoman Okland called the meeting of the Omak Planning Commission to order at 5:34PM and a quorum was established.

Commissioner & Administrative Personnel:

Stacey Okland, Chair	Kurt Danison, Contract Planner
Erin Munding	Tyler Wells, Building Official - absent
Barry Hansen	Connie Thomas, City Clerk
Anne Potter, Vice Chair	Cindy Hicks, Deputy Clerk
Jack Schneider	

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Potter moved, seconded by Commissioner Schneider to approve the minutes from January 4, 2022. As there were no comments, Commissioner Hansen abstained with the rest of the Commissioners voting to approve the motion.

New Business:

Community and Economic Development – Element D

Contract Planner Kurt Danison explained to the Commission that he added some new pages based on the discussion during the January 4th meeting. Prior to the next meeting Mr. Danison will ensure the Commissioners have the document with “track changes” so they can see changes.

Cultural Preservation Element

The Commission discussed the inclusion of other cultures in this element. The element speaks to Native American, Anglo and Latino culture. Commissioner Hansen said there are Jamaicans living in the Central District as it’s identified. Mr. Danison said the demographics of the incorporated area used census information and he will be updating that information. He will retain the 2010 census information and add 2020 to see the changes in demographic makeup. In reference to policy number seven, Chairwoman Okland asked if there is a commission. Mr. Danison said there is not but, the city will agree to work with them. There was discussion about the city’s role in forming and or supporting a commission and what that looks like. There was discussion amongst the Commissioner’s on keeping policy number seven and if it would be appropriate to strike the recommendations. Commissioner Munding said going to Commissioner Hansen’s thoughts about Jamaicans, the document can acknowledge agricultural workers from a variety of locations.

Commissioner Schneider said there is a paragraph for Native Americans, Anglo and Latino. The community is growing, and it will help to have a fourth paragraph for the underrepresented so it’s inclusive of all. Mr. Danison will update the element and it will be available for review at the April meeting.

Analysis of Duplex Units in the RS Zoning District

Contract Planner Danison provided the Commissioners with an analysis of areas in the City of Omak that could potentially become a duplex unit. After discussion, the Planning Commissioner’s felt the current zoning requirements for a duplex in the Residential Single Family