

**OMAK PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 3, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm

Commissioner & Administrative Personnel:

Stacey Okland, Chair	Kurt Danison, Contract Planner
Erin Munding	Tyler Wells, Building Official
Anne Potter, Vice Chair	Deputy Clerk, Cindy Hicks
Jack Schneider	Michelle Miller – Senior Associate Planner
Barry Hansen - Absent	

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Potter moved, seconded by Commissioner Munding, to approve the minutes from December 6, 2022, as written. As there were no further comments, the Commissioners voted to approve the motion.

New Business:

Public Hearing - Comprehensive Plan – Elements C,D,E & F

Chairwoman Okland opened the public hearing at 5:30 pm. She read the opening Public Hearing Disclaimer procedures and stated that the public hearing is being recorded. She asked if any Planning Commission members needed to excuse themselves from the hearing? None being heard, she asked if anyone in audience had any objection to the Chair or any member of the Planning Commission in participating in this proceeding? None being heard, she asked if any Planning Commission member has a financial interest in the outcome of this hearing or has engaged in discussion outside of the hearing with opponents or proponents on this issue? With none being heard, Commissioner Okland turned the hearing over to Contract Planner, Kurt Danison.

Contract Planner, Kurt Danison, presented pertinent facts of the review of Elements C,D,E & F of the City of Omak Comprehensive Plan. He stated that there were no changes since the final review from the Planning Commission last month and that no comments were returned from the agencies it was sent to. He asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Chairwoman Okland then asked if there was any public that would like to comment? With no public present, she closed the Public Hearing at 5:36pm.

Commissioner Potter moved, seconded by Commissioner Schneider, to recommend to the Omak City Council that Elements C,D,E & F of the Omak Comprehensive Plan be adopted as amended. With no comments, the Commissioners voted to approve the motion.

Contract Planner, Kurt Danison will prepare the documents for the City Council.

Old Business

City of Omak Shoreline Master Program – Final Review

The Planning Commission went through their final review of the Omak Shoreline Master Program. There was further discussion on docks and if it should be removed or left in. It was agreed that since there has never been a request to put in a dock and that it is to active of a river to safely have one, it should be eliminated from the document.

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Contract Planner, Kurt Danison, will set the public hearing for next month. He will work with Building Official, Tyler Wells, to get DNS and comment forms out. Tyler believes it is ready to go and on his calendar for tomorrow. It will need a 30-day review prior to public hearing.

OTHER BUSINESS:

City Update

Contract Planer, Kurt Danison, discussed with the Commission about upcoming floodplain/floodway change recommendations on definitions and maps by the DOE and FEMA. This topic will be on the Planning Commission agenda in the future.

Kurt attended a webinar on accessory dwelling units and stated if you get the opportunity to review it. It is dealing with the lack of affordable housing. Cost and financing is a issue for most people. Leavenworth has come up with plans, 3 or 4, that people can choose from. They are already reviewed and so it goes right through the processes and there is just a small fee to architect. There was discussion on how to address parking. In the Omak area in winter, it can be a problem when parking on the street. It is an issue. It was suggested that maybe the Planning Commission could watch it at one of their meetings. Kurt stated that Langley was the primary presentation to watch.

Commissioner Schneider asked about mailboxes popping up in neighborhoods where it used to not be allowed. He is seeing the struggle to get mail to boxes with all the snow. Maybe why that was why not allowed. Deputy Clerk, Cindy Hicks, will check to see if it is a city ordinance allowing or disallowing mailboxes at residences.

Building Official, Tyler Wells, reported that there is a CUP application in for a nightly rental at Oak Street Park.

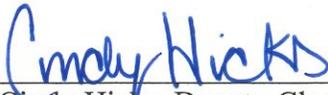
There was discussion on the current snow loads and all the buildings that are coming down locally with the current conditions. There may be a need to look at the cities current requirements an if there needs to be a change.

With no further business before the Planning Commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

SIGNED:



Stacey Okland, Chair



Cindy Hicks, Deputy Clerk