



Approved as submitted at the June 19, 2020 PC Meeting.

SAN JUAN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 20, 2020 MEETING

The meeting of the San Juan County Planning Commission was called to order by Chair, Camille Uhlir, at 8:36 a.m. in the County Council hearing room, Legislative Building, 55 Second Street, Friday Harbor, and San Juan Island.

Planning Commission

Members Present:

Present in person: Camille Uhlir. By phone: Tim Blanchard, Dale Roundy, Michael Pickett, and Steve Rubey.

Planning Commission

Members Excused:

Georgette Wong

Department of Community Development (DCD) Staff

Present:

Erika Shook, Director; Linda Kuller, AICP, Planning Manager; Julie Thompson, Planner III, Adam Zack, Planner III; and Lynda Guernsey, AS II.

Public Works Staff Present:

Christine Coray, Project Engineer and Shannon Wilbur, Senior Project Engineer.

Administrative Items

Confirm Agenda – No changes to agenda.

Minutes of February 21, 2020

Moved by Tim Blanchard, seconded by Michael Pickett, to approve the February 21, 2020 minutes as submitted. Motion passed with four yes votes, zero no votes, and one abstention (Rubey).

DCD Update – Linda Kuller, Deputy Director

1. Coronavirus update on how it effects public meetings and the ability to hold virtual ones like todays. The April 17th Planning Commission meeting will likely be canceled but that hasn't been decided officially yet. The County and DCD are trying to find ways to keep staff working, including working from home. Monday, (March 23), the County Council will have more information on County operations.

Public Access Time – There was no one to speak.

Public hearing on the Farm and Ag Conservation Land Current Use Application for Keeler, LANDUSE-19-0242 – Julie Thompson, Planner IV

Julie Thompson summarized her staff report dated March 3, 2020 and responded to questions from the Planning Commission. The applicant was not present or available by phone.

Public testimony was opened and as there was no one to speak, closed with the option to reopen. There was no further response from staff.

Deliberations

Moved by Michael Pickett, seconded by Tim Blanchard, to recommend approval of LANDUSE-19-0242 Keeler, as stated in the staff report dated March 3, 2020. Michael Pickett – yes, Steve Rubey – yes, Dale Roundy – yes, Tim Blanchard – yes, and Camille Uhlir – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Briefing on the Draft Marijuana Production and Processing Ordinance – Linda Kuller, AICP, Planning Manager

Linda Kuller gave a presentation on the draft ordinance regarding marijuana production, processing and retail sales facilities. There is a marijuana moratorium in effect now and the County Council is set to renew the moratorium on March 24th. Linda Kuller then responded to questions and comments from the Planning Commission.

The following briefings are part of the San Juan County Comprehensive Plan 2036 Update Project

Briefing on Section B.2, Land Use Element, Rural Lands including Activity Centers – Adam Zack, Planner III

Adam Zack gave a presentation on rural land issues and Activity Centers that are part of the Land Use Element and responded to questions and comments from the Planning Commission.

Briefing on Section B.6, Draft Transportation Element and Appendix A.6, Transportation Facilities Inventory, LOS and Financial Plan – Christine Coray, Public Works Project Engineer and Shannon Wilbur, Public Works, Senior Project Engineer

Christine Coray and Shannon Wilbur gave a presentation on the background of the Transportation Element and the draft Transportation Element as it is being brought forward. They then responded to questions and comments from the Planning Commission.

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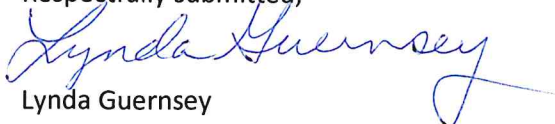
Erika Shook asked the Planning Commission in what manner they had joined the virtual meeting today, by calling in or through Skype for Business, and what their thoughts were about it.

Reminder that the April 17th meeting hasn't been canceled yet and the Planning Commission will be contacted as soon as a decision has been made.

Adjournment

Moved by Michael Pickett, seconded by Camille Uhlir, to adjourn the meeting at 12:45 p.m. and the motion passed unanimously. The next meeting of the Planning Commission is tentatively scheduled for Friday, April 17th, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. in the County Council hearing room, Legislative Building, 55 Second Street, Friday Harbor, San Juan Island.

Respectfully submitted,


Lynda Guernsey