



EASTSOUND PLANNING REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 5, 2022

3:00 PM

Due to COVID-19, and restrictions on gatherings of more than 5 people, public access is limited to online only.

Committee members present by Zoom were Leith Templin, Terry Gillespie, Charles Toxey. Brian Wiese, and Scott Lancaster by phone, Leslie Brazeau, Byrnna Gregg absent, and the public joined also by Zoom.

Leith asked Leslie to take minutes for this meeting.

Meeting was called to order by Leith Templin, Chair at 3:06 pm

Minutes

Minutes for the April 7, 2022, meeting will be approved at the next meeting

Approval of Agenda

Terry moved to accept today's agenda; Charles seconded. Approved

Cindy was not available for this meeting and did not send any update to be read.

Prune Alley-Jessie Douglas-Seitz

Jessie was not able to participate in this meeting due to illness. Leith asked committee members for ideas about signage for Prune Alley. Charles suggested signage at North Beach/ Mt Baker so letting people know that there is no access beyond Enchanted Forest to Prune/North Beach. Also, Leith noted a sign at Lover's Lane that there is no right turn on NB. Leith noted that it might be a moot point because the sewer will be connected as things will change.

Vickie Leimbeck brought up a problem with cars from property/business owner parking for days taking up several spaces. Leith suggested that she write to Jessie and Colin to ask if the county could make signs to limit parking to 2 hours. Charles suggested to send to the Sheriff's office.

Summer parking signs to show where people can park.

Reappointment of EPRC members

Leith, Terry, Charles, and Brian terms are all up May 31, 2022. Leith had spoken to Ingrid, and she said that Cindy has received all four applications and that no other applications have been submitted. She was out of the office today so Sally Rogers was very helpful and contacted Mike Thomas, County Manager who said that

it had not been put on the Council's agenda and he said that since there have been no other applications and that all four of our applications are viable that we should just continue until the council moves on the appointments.

Public Comment

John Campbell spoke to the elimination of the Parking-in-leu and asked what EPRC was doing about it. Charles reviewed our recommendation that we sent to the county council last year. He also spoke to the characterizing of our recommendations by the planning director which we felt was a misrepresentation of our suggestion and thought we still need to express to the council that parking in Eastsound is urgent. Leslie made the point that we need a definition for demonstrated need for future acquisition of parking credit for the parking-in-lieu-parking-plan. See attached letter

Permit Review

BUILD-22-0204 – Residential Addition

Permit Application: <https://www.sanjuanco.com/DocumentCenter/View/25687/>

Site Plan and Profile: <https://www.sanjuanco.com/DocumentCenter/View/25686/>

BUILD-22-0255 – Residential Addition

Permit Application: <https://www.sanjuanco.com/DocumentCenter/View/25684/>

Site Plan and Profile: <https://www.sanjuanco.com/DocumentCenter/View/25685/>

We have no comment on these permits

NEXT REGULAR MEETING June 2,

Agenda items for next meeting

Charles would like an update from Colin Huntemer update of trees North Beach Rd and path on Enchanted Forest Road. Maybe Cindy can help with this. Also, we need to be working on the streetscapes in Eastsound. Tiny house discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15pm

Respectfully submitted
Leith Templin

Dear San Juan County Council,

We want to be sure you hear from the EPRC that we believe a parking plan for Eastsound is desperately needed. We urge you to convene an Eastsound Parking Subcommittee at your earliest convenience to actively figure out how to build more parking in Eastsound. Below are our previous recommendations to you.

Thank you,

EPRC

Recommendations

1. Do not keep the program as written. The current amount of public parking underserves the throngs of Orcas residents and tourists visiting in Spring Summer and Fall. As it is written now the in lieu of parking program would create much more of a problem by selling what little public parking we have.
2. Instead form a temporary “Eastsound Parking Subcommittee” whose job it will be to explore areas to purchase, lease or tax for purchase/LID adjacent to Village Commercial, to determine the true cost of each parking space considering the land price, rental costs, development and maintenance costs, and make recommendations to County Council.
3. Acquire the new public parking spaces.
4. Change the code to state that spaces can only be sold when 1) An exception is granted to an applicant by the County because a hardship exists which precludes the requisite parking from being constructed on site and 2) The County has actual off-street spaces within ¼ mile walking distance of the parcel to sell. No one is going use parking spaces where they have to walk farther than that. They will just compete with many others for limited street parking.
5. Change the composition of the subcommittee to include at least 1 Representative from the Chamber of Commerce, 1 Village Commercial business owner, 1 Village Residential Institutional organization representative/resident, 1 EPRC member, and 1 member of DCD Staff, and 1 member of Public Works Staff. The committee could meet without Staff’s time commitment until recommendations are being prepared for Council.