



Approved as submitted at the July 1, 2022 Planning Commission Special Meeting.

SAN JUAN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 17, 2022 MEETING

The meeting of the San Juan County Planning Commission was called to order by Chair, Sheila Gaquin, at 8:30 a.m. in the County Council hearing room, Legislative Building, 55 Second Street, Friday Harbor, and San Juan Island.

Planning Commission

Members Present:

By Microsoft Teams: Sheila Gaquin, Steve Smith, Nick Knoellinger, Matt Ellingson, Peter Kilpatrick, and Steve Rubey.

Planning Commission

Member Absent:

Rick Hoffman

Department of Community Development (DCD) Staff

Present:

Present in person: Lynda Guernsey, AS II.

By Microsoft Teams: David Williams, Director; Brooke Sullivan, Planner III, and Sophia Cassam, Planner II.

Administrative Items

Confirm Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

Public Access Time

James McCubbin, Legal Representative, Friends of the San Juans Faith Van DePutte, Lopez Island
Lisa Byers, Executive Director, OPAL Community Land Trust, Orcas Island Lynn Bahrych, Shaw Island
Janet Alderton, Orcas Island Ben Bama, San Juan Island Alexandra Gayek, Orcas Island
Sharon Abreu, Orcas Island

Public access was closed with the option to reopen.

Public hearing on the 2022 Annual Docket – Brooke Sullivan, Planner

Brooke Sullivan gave a presentation of the 2022 Annual Docket and responded to questions and comments from the Planning Commission.

Public comment was opened and the following spoke:

Shala McDonnell, San Juan Island Nicole Fuenzalida, San Juan Island
Roberto Moya, San Juan Island Kassi Honcoop, San Juan Island Phillip Yee, San Juan Island
R.P. Oates, San Juan Island Faith Van DePutte, Lopez Island Tamara Weaver, San Juan Island
Dina Melic, San Juan Island Lynn Bahrych, Shaw Island

Public comment was closed with the option to reopen.

Return to Brooke Sullivan for any closing comments or questions.

Deliberations

Request 22-0001 – Moved by Peter Kilpatrick, seconded by Sheila Gaquin, to place Request 22-0001 on the Annual Docket. Steve Smith-no, Nick Knoellinger-no, Steve Rubey-no, Matt Ellingson, no, Peter Kilpatrick-yes, Sheila Gaquin-no. Motion failed with one yes vote and five no votes (Smith, Knoellinger, Rubey, Ellingson, and Gaquin).

Request 22-0002 – By Consensus, to accept the staff recommendation.

Request 22-0003 - Moved by Steve Smith, seconded by Sheila Gaquin, to place Request 22-0003 on the Annual Docket. Steve Smith-yes, Nick Knoellinger-no, Steve Rubey-no, Matt Ellingson-yes, Peter Kilpatrick-yes, Sheila Gaquin-yes. Motion passed with four yes votes and two no votes (Knoellinger and Rubey).

Request 22-0005 – Moved by Steve Smith, seconded by Matt Ellingson, to put Request 22-0005 on the Annual Docket. Steve Smith-yes, Nick Knoellinger-yes, Steve Rubey-yes, Matt Ellingson-yes, Peter Kilpatrick-yes, Sheila Gaquin-yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Sheila Gaquin, seconded by Steve Rubey, that the Planning Commission recommend that the County Council add the following requests to the Department of Community Development future work program in the following order of priority: 1. Request 22-0005 and 2. Request 22-0003. No further action is needed for requests 22-0001, 22-0002, and 22-0004. Steve Smith-yes, Nick Knoellinger-yes, Steve Rubey-yes, Matt Ellingson-yes, Peter Kilpatrick-yes, Sheila Gaquin-yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Comprehensive Plan Update - Whole Plan Review Part I – Sophia Cassam, Planner II

Sophia Cassam gave a presentation of the 2036 Comprehensive Plan Update-Whole Plan Review Part one and responded to questions and comments from the Planning Commission.

By Consensus, in Section B, Element 2 Land Use and Rural, 2.5.2 Activity Centers, Policy 1.c Island Centers, add the word “institutional”, document page 42.

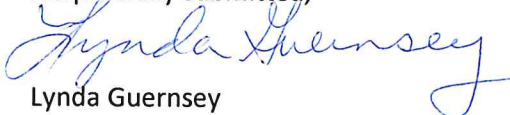
Moved by Sheila Gaquin, seconded by Steve Smith, that the Planning Commission hearing on the Comprehensive Plan Elements with be held on July 15, 2022 and the hearing on the Comprehensive Plan Official Maps with be held on August 19, 2022. Steve Smith-yes, Nick Knoellinger-yes, Steve Rubey-yes, Matt Ellingson-yes, Peter Kilpatrick-yes, Sheila Gaquin-yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion continued on various element items and the idea of a climate change element.

Adjournment

It was agreed upon unanimously by the Planning Commission to adjourn the meeting at 11:52 a.m. The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be a special meeting Friday, July 1, 2022, 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