



Eastsound Planning Review Committee Minutes

February 4, 2021

Meeting held by Zoom due to COVID -19

3:00-6:00pm

Committee members present by Zoom with Leith Templin, Terry Gillespie, Charles Toxey, Brian Wiese, Sara Farish. Scott Lancaster was excused and not present

The meeting was called to order by Leith Templin, chair at 3:05 and Leith welcomed members and the public.

Approval of Minutes

Leith mentioned that a special workshop meeting was held on January 18th 2021 to continue working on the Sub-Area regulations to possibly be revised. There were no minutes taken because it was a working meeting and no action was taken. Work on the regulations will continue at the February meeting.

Charles moved to accept the minutes of the January 7th 2021 meeting and Sara seconded, motion passed.

Public Comment

Michele Rodriguez made a general statement about the importance of public participation, outreach to all sectors of the community and the flexibility of times of public meetings to reach out to working people.

Tina Witman, Friends of the San Juan's, was wondering and hoping that the EPRC is working with the past information from the visioning process for the comprehensive plan. Charles commented that we are working most especially with the top issues from those discussions and that we are always looking for ways for more participation that addressed Michele's concerns.

Bynna Bird expressed interests from artists and space makers. Spoke about Portland's vision "City Repair" a non profit in Portland that works with artists and community to create spaces within communities for displays of art and social activities.

Prune Alley

Jessie Douglas-Sitz, county project manager/engineer for San Juan County gave an update on the Prune Alley Project:

OPALCO is currently working on Prune Alley to install their needed equipment for the road improvement. They will be taking down the power poles and undergrounding the wires because the poles would have been in the middle of the sidewalks. They are working in conjunction with Rock Island and Lumen.

There are still some easement documents/ROA that need to come in before the project can be sent to DOT and then come back to the county for the project to go out to bid.

Jessie brought up the discussion of the bronze plaques that were suggested for the corners of the intersections near the pedestrian ramp. They are about 18" across. It was suggested to bring something fun to the street. There will be one on the West side and the East side of the road at the intersections. It was suggested to make the "Eastsound" printing be the same direction as the "Rose Street" etc instead of them being opposite. Also, that Eastsound is all one word. The committee is in support of the plaques and the community was asked and Chris Bean-Hearn remarked that she thought that they were very attractive. We gave Jesse the go ahead to place the order with the changes we stated. Also, Brian

wanted to make sure that credit was given to Rick Hughes and Jesse for the original idea. Jesse ask us to take a look again about the dyed concrete. There is a patch down by Outlook Inn and wanted us to take a look at it and make sure we still want the concrete dyed. With one property that changed hands will allow for one more tree. Also, there is a possibility of more trees from Rose to High School Rd on the East side because of the placement of the sewer line.

North Beach Road Update

Charles, Terry, Leith, Ady, executive director of Children's House, CH board, Salmonberry, Cindy Wolf, Colin Huntemer, Lisa Byers for April's Grove, Cory Harrington, met by Zoom and shared information about the trees on NB. Cindy Wolf agreed to work with Colin to hire an arborist to asses the trees and then the county and Children's House will make a plan. After the meeting Charles created a map and pictures that EPRC supported in removing and replanting the trees and sent to all the parties involved.

Salmonberry's, Paul Freedman, talked with Leith about a speed sign. When I talked with Colin about a speed sign, he suggested that EPRC request a traffic speed study. Leith related that Colin talked to her about signage in general and with balancing necessary signage and maintaining our rural character as discribed in the Comperhensive Plan. He said that generally speaking signage does not reduce speed.

With all this discussion about the section of road in front of Childrens House it brought up the situation about the Eastsound Street scapes of North Beach. There appears to be some issures with past resolutions and Eastsound streetscapes that have been adopted with unintended consequences so we will be looking into that at our March meeting. Charles gave a short history of development of the Eastsound Streetscapes. Cindy added that she had received a call about the safety and use of bicycles on that stretch of the road.

Public Comments

Ady Walker, from Children House, wanted to make it clear that Salmonberry and Children's House are both concerned about the safety of the children concerning the trees on North Beach Rd. She reported that a part of a tree had come down and that the county road crew came and took the rest of the tree down and did a great job in cleaning up. She spoke to future placement of trees and that safety be the first consideration in future development of the street. Cory Harrington stated that the saftey of the buildings and children at Children's House was the initial reason that they brought attention to the trees infront of Children's House and was wondering now since the situation of the streetscapes has come up would the removal of the trees have to wait until the streetscape issue was resolved. Leith stated that it was her understanding from Cindy Wolf (CC) that when the arborist report comes back then a decision will be made to remove the dangerous trees. EPRC will continue to move forward about the streetscapes and that is completely separate from the removal of the trees in question for the saftey of Children's House and Salmonberry School.

Comment noted in Orcasonian by John Evan saying that when he was a county commissioner they planted a row of small maples 30 years ago to anticipate the old large maples coming down.

Comprehensive Plan Updates

Discussion continued on possible regulation changes to the SubArea Plan

Permit Review

- **LANDUSE-21-0001 Haven Road LLC Vacation Rental TPN 271460021000**
Permit Application: <https://www.sanjuanico.com/DocumentCenter/View/21844/>
- **LANDUSE-21-0003 Victory Hill Short Plat TPN 271413002000**
Permit Application: <https://www.sanjuanico.com/DocumentCenter/View/21https785/>
- **BUILD-21-0005 Aeronautical Services Warehouse TPN 271131007000**

Site Plan: <https://www.sanjuanco.com/DocumentCenter/View/21787/>

Construction drawings: <https://www.sanjuanco.com/DocumentCenter/View/21786/>

See attached report sent to the county. Leith asked someone to listen to the Port of Orcas meetings. Mentioned the need for us to be paying attention to their Master Plan. We need to find out what they are currently designing because we think they want hangers on the Eastside by the Montisori School and develop the North Beach/Mt. Baker Rd. Their last meeting was Jan 25th, the third Monday of the month. March 15th at 5:00pm we think is their next meeting. Discussion took place with Cindy Wolf to explain the importance of that corner and what the rules are that govern the regulations with the county and FAA.

Special Meeting on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 3:30pm-5:30 to continue subarea regulations.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted

Leith Templin