



"The purpose of the Eastsound Planning Review Committee is to advise the planning department, the planning commission and the County Council on land use and development matters affecting Eastsound."

EASTSOUND PLANNING AND REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES

Orcas Island Senior Center Multipurpose Room

Sept 7, 2023

3:08 pm

The meeting was held in person at the Orcas Island Senior Center Multi-purpose Room and online through Teams and recorded through the SJC website.

Meeting was called to order by Charles Toxey, Chair at 3pm.

Committee Members present at the Senior Center were Charles Toxey, Leith Templin, and Jason Bradshaw. Scott Lancaster and Brian Weise was absent and excused.

Cindy Wolf, SJCC liaison and Sophia Cassam, DCD Planner 3 joined remotely.

Approval of Agenda

modification - Lisa Byers requested permits to be moved to the beginning of the meeting as she had another meeting at 3:30pm.

Minutes

Leith moved to accept the minutes as written. Jason seconded. August Meeting Minutes unanimously approved.

Permits

BUILD-23-0343,4,5,6,7 Reviewed Kidder Way project permits had questions about paving materials, setbacks, landscaping, and driveway width which Lisa Byers was able to answer - no concerns to share with DCD.

Public Comment

1) Judy Watson commented that making right turns north on Prune Alley from Island Market is harder with the narrow travel lanes now. We discussed curb design. 2) Judy also wanted to let the County know that the Fred and Margaret Nicol properties on the corner of Rose and Madrona Streets in Eastsound would soon be on the market. She wondered if the County would be interested in buying one or both of them for parking. Cindy asked EPRC to send her an email with the particulars. Charles to send Cindy email.

Council Update with Cindy Wolf

The Governor is coming to Lopez Island to see the tiny and affordable homes built there. We asked about the status of the Eastsound Exterior Lighting Plan since David Williams never got a County-wide plan implemented. Cindy asked Sophia to see what is currently in the work plan and/or on the docket. Charles to send what we submitted to Adam Zack originally to Sophia Cassam. In October Council will be working on the budget. Mike Thomas and Angie will be working on scheduling interviews for the new DCD director soon. The County went to a 32 hour work week. After notifying the public about the work week change retention and recruitment both went up.

Parking Forum Recap

Identified which issues relate to DCD in terms of use and required parking. Send a letter to DCD outlining the uses which need a review and how policies or procedures could be changed to ensure new uses gets flagged for whatever additional parking is needed.

Identified what to send to Cindy for the Parking Consultant.

Discussed meeting with the Orcas Island Chamber on how to address employee parking message for the Chamber to promote. Cindy was concerned that EPRC would be overstepping its role to talk to the Chamber without direction from the County. So, EPRC will recommend to Council and DCD that a meeting take place with the Chamber of Commerce and seek DCD and Council's direction for what EPRC's involvement will be.

Meeting adjourned at 4:44pm

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Toxey, Chair

NEXT REGULAR MEETING October 5, 2023, at the Orcas Senior Center Multipurpose Room