

Eastsound Planning Review Committee

Minutes of 8/8/24

Opened meeting 4:03 pm – this is a make-up meeting from the August 1 scheduled meeting.

In attendance: Jason Bradshaw, Mia Kartiganer, April Duke, Sophia Cassam, Cindy Wolf; Public – Brian Wiese, Jessica Hudson

No additions or modifications of the agenda

Minutes of July 11 approved

Public Comments - No public comment in person.

Public comments made to Jason about the parking deficit for the waterfront park. Brian informed us that the parking spaces in front of the businesses across the street from the park are public parking spaces. Unfortunately, the owners of the businesses have marked them as private parking spaces and because the signage is on their private property, Cindy said the county has no right to remove the signs.

EPRC can email Colin regarding marking the parking spot itself as it is public property.

Another community member remarked about the lack of sidewalk in front of the newer home on North Beach Rd, (north of county property) The home owner has not complied with that sidewalk and just have the one on Prune Alley side of the property - some discussion because they have occupied the property for at least 2 years – **Sophia will follow up with this property** to see what they have been told. We also wonder if the homeowner paid for the Prune Alley sidewalk or if the county did as part of the whole project.

Introduction of the County Manager – Jessica Hudson

Previously head of Fairfax, Virginia library system with the same size budget as San Juan county.

We need a recruitment plan to get a full board of 7 members. We currently have only 3.

Sophia said that SJ County Code – chapter 2.116 tells how to recruit – sites the ordinance.

On the EPRC's founding document there is cited the ordinance regarding volunteer committee members and it outlines the qualifications for potential board members.

Advisory bodies should post on the county website regarding openings on committees and get it on 45 days prior to expiration of a board members seat. Aiden Hanes at SJ County handles vacancies and publishing – **Jason will reach out to him.**

Erin is the county communications person and is a good resource also.

Lighting Ordinance update

Sophia –the EPRC edits got incorporated into the lighting ordinance at the last Planning Commission meeting. Public Works would like to see the ordinance written more succinctly without changing the rules. She is working with Colin to make the alterations.

EPRC needs to look at the staff report and submit comments if necessary – should be available for review (Briefing Aug 27th, **she needs to have the updates out by August 16**) Public hearing on September 10 – the final version, which will be available to see on August 30. **We will be meeting prior to the September 10 hearing and can make comments as a committee or as individuals.**

Cindy Wolf report – Ecosystems coordination board, got some proposed language from FEMA for flood plains and she will forward it to us. Ongoing conversation with the governor about the ferries. Tillicum crew got together to see how they could guarantee service during the county fair days. They will work with Friday Harbor lodging businesses to make sure that employees are in the county so that folks can attend from other islands and not worry about getting stuck in FH and that they will be able to move their animals in a safe and timely manner.

Jessica wrote a letter thanking the ferry workers for helping the county fair.

\$10 mil towards ferry our system for a study, part of \$1 billion to help of build 5 new ferries and for support throughout the whole WSF system

Striping – paint going down on the roads please respect the signs

Mia asked – when are we going to widen the roads? For bicyclists to have room on the road. Cindy said it costs \$3mil/mile.

Agenda items for the next meeting: Recruitment, comment on lighting ordinance as needed per the meeting schedule above, stop signs at key crossings, and find out what is happening about the sidewalk in front of the house on N Beach Road

Adjourned at 4:47 pm

Brian has a background packet for new members of the EPRC including the historic Eastsound Vision which included a lot of input from actual planners as well as community members— also available at the library. EPRC submitted comments to the county years ago but nothing came of it.

If we don't want suburban sprawl, we need to have density in the UGA

Recruitment of business owners in town would be good for the EPRC board