

May 2, 2024, Eastsound Planning Review Committee Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

- Board members Jason Bradshaw - chair, April Duke, and Mia Kartiganer, with SJC Council Liaison Cindy Wolf, SJC Public Works Director Colin Huntemer (online) and DCD Planner III Sophia Cassam (online) in attendance. Public in attendance - Brian Wiese.

Location:

- The meeting was held in the Orcas Senior Center Multi-Purpose Room in person and online and commenced at 3:06 PM.

Agenda Modification:

- Sophia Cassam added "Update to Eastsound Lighting Standards Project".

Minutes Approval:

- April 4, 2024, Regular EPRC Meeting Minutes unanimously approved.

Discussion with Public Works Director, Colin Huntemer on completing public rights of way connecting Orion St. to A. St. to the retention pond trails:

- Colin Huntemer updated EPRC on the history of A street and shared a document that was developed in 2013 and updated in 2018 for options of a through street connecting Orion Street to A Street.
 - In 2018 the property became available for sale and the County looked into purchasing it and implementing the project first developed in 2013.
 - Colin said that the project did not gain traction with the majority of county council and was not done.
- EPRC discussed the location and goal of dedicating the privately owned paths as public right of way.
 - Community member and past EPRC board member Brian Wiese gave his understanding of the previous discussions regarding the requested dedicated right of way for trail use.
- Colin Huntemer will investigate the existing easements for all the parcels involved.

Community Engagement Discussion for Additional Crosswalks

- Colin Huntemer presented areas of interest for adding additional crosswalks.
 - Public Works is looking to gain more community input on this topic.
 - Multiple locations that have had community requests or complaints were discussed.
 - Prune Alley near Templin Center
 - Enchanted Forest Road and Lover's Ln
 - Enchanted Forest Road and North Beach Road
 - North Beach Road and Mt Baker Road
- The group discussed how best to engage the public on this topic.
 - The group discussed hosting a community engagement event to "Discuss adding crosswalks in Eastsound".
 - EPRC discussed setting up a booth at the farmers market this summer to engage the community.
 - Jason Bradshaw will reach out to Communications Coordinator to organize an outreach booth at the farmers market in September.

- Brian Wiese asked Colin Huntemer if he recommended adding stop signs to Prune Alley.
 - Colin stated that additional town stop signs should come with community support. He is not proposing adding stop signs in Eastsound, he is just trying to gauge the support of the community on the topic.

Public Comment:

- Brian Wiese stated that he is attending to meet the new EPRC members and discuss trails.
 - Brian asked for an update on the parcel that the Driftwood HOA is interested in selling to the County.
 - Cindy stated that she had an update, and it will be part of her Council Update.

Council Update with Cindy Wolf

- Cindy presented the purchase of the Driftwood HOA parcel to the County Council and County staff.
 - The County Council and staff were not interested in the parcel due to lack of financing and it was not of enough interest to Public Works to make the investment.
 - Brian Wiese asked Cindy if staff reached out to the Driftwood HOA on their decision.
 - Cindy said Mark Tompkins was going to but didn't know if he had done so yet.
- Hiring process update for County Manager
 - There were 32 applicants in total for the position.
 - Three applicants were selected for the interview process
 - A community engagement meeting to meet the applicants and participate in a Q&A panel will be held on Lopez, San Juan, and Orcas Island.
 - Tuesday May 7th at 2:45 PM, Orcas Islanders are invited to their Q&A meeting at the Orcas Center for the Arts in the Madrona Room.
 - Monday will be a day long interview process by three panels composed of County Council members, chairs of county committees, and other elected officials.
 - Cindy discussed the search firm that was used to coordinate the process. She stated that the firm was great to work with and took in their feedback to develop the hiring process.
- Parking regulations update
 - The county council has asked Colin Huntemer to reopen title 10 of the county code to delegate to the County Engineer the authority to implement parking regulations.
 - This will increase efficiency for deploying these types of regulations.
 - This process doesn't implement regulations but changes the code so that the County Engineer has the authority to implement parking regulations for each specific area throughout the county.
 - The state model ordinance will be referenced.
 - County is using the \$250 fine found in the model ordinance but also stated they are aware that a larger amount might be needed for marina regulation violations. An amount that would be more than a nights stay on Orcas.

Permits

- LANDUSE-22-0194 Cruz/Puente short subdivision to divide TPN 271424011000 into 4 parcels.
 - EPRC had the following comments that were emailed to Sophia for further investigation:

- For Orcas Island Fire Dept., DCD, and Public Works: With the increase in density this development creates, is a 12' road width without shoulders sufficient to service the ingress, egress and emergency vehicles access to 4 single family dwellings plus potentially 4 future accessory dwelling units?
 - Does the layout of the development allow for the four future lots that could be developed according to the density of the original parcel?
- Cindy asked Sophia what the parking situation was for the Westcott townhomes near Banner Bank.
 - Sophia will check with staff and report back.

Lighting regulations update – Sophia Cassam

- The planning commission reviewed EPRC and staff recommendations.
- A public hearing was set for June 21st for the next step in the process.
- Sophia presented the next steps in the process.
- EPRC asked Sophia if anything else was needed from EPRC for the process.
 - Sophia said Charles completed the SEPA checklist and expressed gratitude for him doing so. She stated nothing else is needed from EPRC at this time.
- Cindy asked for a status update for the other updates to the subarea plan.
 - Sophia stated they will not be working on it this year because they are currently working on the comp plan update.

Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM