

June 6, 2024, Eastsound Planning Review Committee Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

- Board member Jason Bradshaw – chair with SJC Council Liaison Cindy Wolf (online) and SJC DCD Planner III Sophia Cassam (online) in attendance. Public in attendance – Carol Ann Anderson, Charles Toxey, Bob Eagan, Gail Anderson-Toombs, and Brian Weise.

Location:

- The meeting was held in the Orcas Senior Center Multi-Purpose Room in person and online and commenced at 3:15 PM.

Agenda Modification:

- None

Minutes Approval:

- N/A - no quorum

Public Comment:

- Gail Anderson-Toombs owns a new gallery called Laughing Cat Designs in Eastsound and she inquired why her sandwich board sign was taken down. She stated that a neighboring business also had a sign up, but it was not removed. Gail asked for clarification on this scenario.
 - Cindy Wolf instructed Gail that enforcement for signs is on a compliant basis due to limited staffing for this type of enforcement. Cindy instructed Gail to inform her the next time this scenario happens, and she can make sure that County Staff is adhering to policy and enforcing it evenly to all.
 - Cindy discussed the process of how a community member could initiate a change to County regulations.
 - Charles Toxey discussed the history of the sandwich boards and the Eastsound Subarea Plan. He also stated that the sandwich board may have been taken down by someone other than the County.
 - Jason Bradshaw shared the link to the subarea plan on the County website with Gail.
- Bob Eagan stated that he had trouble finding some of the previous minutes for past EPRC meetings.
 - Sophia Cassam said that she will check to see what is missing and make sure we are up to date.
- Bob Eagan asked for an update on the parking grant/consultant project.
 - Cindy Wolf said that the Department of Community Development is at minimal levels right now and this project is probably on hold until we have a new DCD Director.

Council Update with Cindy Wolf

- SJC hired a new County Manager, Jessica Hudson. Cindy discussed the selection process.
 - Jessica has been the head of a large library district comprised of over 550 staff.
 - Jessica's executive skill set impressed everyone that met her. She is well organized and a great team builder.
- Marine Resources Committee (MRC) Meeting – riparian projects on the island.
 - Cindy discussed money coming from the Federal government through the State government for riparian restoration area projects.

- Coast Guard and Department of Ecology at the last council meeting.
 - Discussed derelict vessels being removed.

Permits

- N/A - no quorum

Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM

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