

## **EPRC Meeting minutes**

January 2, 2025

Meeting opened at 3:01 pm

**In attendance:** Sophia Cassam, Jason Bradshaw, April Duke, Justin Paulson, Brian Weise, Bill Bangs, Dan Vekved, Charles Troxey

**Agenda modification** – council update prior to remainder of agenda

Welcome to Justin Paulson – 360-948-5968, [justin@sanjuancountywa.gov](mailto:justin@sanjuancountywa.gov)

Our new commissioner

### **Public comment –**

Bill Bangs now on planning commission as receiver of information

Brian Weise- we have never had a member of the planning commission attend the EPRC meetings! An idea to find recruits for the committee– an open house sponsored by our new commissioner to let the community know about local issues and how they can be involved.

Dan – The post office parking area has loads of potholes, lack of maintenance, disabled access is a problem. Is this a forum to complain or bring up concerns?

Charles – The A Street streetscape and roundabout should be revisited.

April – Agree with Charles. Currently there is only one residence on the street but hopefully there will be more in the future and a safe traffic flow needs a different plan than the current one.

**Recruitment update-** no one has reached out to the county in response to advertisements

**EPRC end of year report** – created by going through the minutes of 2024 – went over the draft

### **ACTIONS- to get accomplished**

-JULY – reach out to county to get lights ordinance through

-Reach out to the Chamber of Commerce and community forums regarding recruitment

-EPRC to work WITH the county towards common goals to resolve issues that are still pending

Justin would like to have a list of items the committee wants to get accomplished and let him know what items are no longer priorities.

Charles – Items that didn't get traction with the county need to be revisited. Would it be possible to have a digital folder facilitate sharing or a repository on the county site?

Jason – We need to be careful what is being shared but everything is open records with our committee

Justin – a lot of committees have the same issue about storing information while making sure that we don't break any public meetings act rules

Brian – is the EPRC draft plan ready to send to the DCD?

Jason – once they have hired a permanent DCD, we can send it to them (after reviewing it for any necessary updates)

Sophia – EPRC Eastsound subarea draft plan from 2021 is still living on the docket queue

Charles- A St building renovation (Con's/Peach Pit)- does not meet design standards and they never asked for any siding changes in the permit process. There is too much metal siding. Was there an exception granted? Did the owners know about the design standards?

Dan- who enforces it?

**Ferry landing parking** – What kind of time restrictions should be implemented? Colin Huntemer (Director of Public Works) asked us to gather input from the community. They are now able to enforce compliance with parking rules but *only* if there is signage spelling out the rules.

Jason will put it on the agenda one more time then will put the issue on the Orcasonian

Dan – There are people living in the cars.

Justin –In his experience with the ferry advisory committee, the sheriffs cannot enforce anything without signage. If people are living on the property in their vehicles, then there are new rules that will need to be complied with. Who gets the financial impact? Who is paying for cars to be towed and dumped?

Dan -Coming off the ferry there should be an EV charger sign that shows that there are charger hook ups in the upper lot.

### **OPAL Pea Patch Road frontage question –**

Jason and April don't think that the elevations are a problem

Charles -thinks that the Eastsound Design Review committee, if it existed, would agree. It would be nice if the design standards were more specific so there would not be any questions.

Jason – Eastsound Design Review Committee is the only body that can red flag it and we don't have this committee

Charles – Eastsound Design Review Committee should be resurrected. Architects John Campbell and Fred Klein wrote the design standards (Our House mall was the trigger to create those standards) The elevation offsets were intended for buildings close to sidewalks or public roads.

### **Agenda items for next meeting:**

- Recruitment – create an action plan and assignments to implement it
- Ferry Landing parking - one more time on the agenda and see if we get any response from the community and a note to the Orcasonian. After that we will give our opinion to Colin.
- List of recommendations we gave to the County – will attach to the 2024 report
- Justin – will find out how/when EPRC can present our recommendations
- Jason – will send our opinion to Sophia regarding Pea Patch
  - Question about Con's siding remodel

Meeting adjourned 4:07