

Eastsound Planning Review Committee

Minutes of May 1, 2025

Meeting opened at 3:06 pm

Attending: Jason Bradshaw, Mia Kartinger, April Duke, Cindy Wolf, Sophia Cassam

Bill Bangs, Charles Toxley, Cathy Ciscowski, Bob Eagan

Agenda modification – April minutes will be distributed before the June meeting and will be approved of then

Public Comment – Cathy noticed cones at Mt Baker Road and North Beach Rd where the crosswalk is proposed

Recruitment – Possible new member in the works

Permits- BUILD-25-0057, 600 sq ft garage with second level of 600 sq storage

Discussion of too much driveway on the property -

Suggestion that a planner, a San Juan County engineer and building code enforcement should try and mitigate excessive driveway and have the owner return some of the larger driveway to yard/landscaping before permit is granted.

The original rule said one driveway entrance per parcel. 18-60-90 applies?

Is the property in the FEMA 100-year flood zone? Does the owner need to consider that in their elevation of the building?

Council Update – Justin Paulsen

They are currently certifying the election for the hospital district funding

We have a new county code compliance officer – from Snohomish Tribe – Rebecca (Becky) Villaluz

State grants-

SJ Co – OPAL received a \$5 Million grant

\$500 million given to the Orcas Center for capital improvements

\$300K Orcas Library for renovations

Moran State Park staff housing received a grant

\$13.2 million to San Juan County (including \$1.5 million to the Court House)

Ferry parking time limits to be posted but we can't displace people who are living there at this time.

The Rebman's are terminating their contract starting July 1, 2025. We have no plan for succession from the WSF.

Foot ferry will be losing its state funding – hopefully that can be renewed. It's helping a lot of folks move more quickly between the islands and Anacortes.

Vacation rental restrictions – council will need to re-do the public hearing because people complained that the notice to the meeting visual

Right now, there is no way to submit a new vacation rental application/permit (except for Lopez) Other islands are maxed out. People that had a compliance number (special cases within the village commercial) need to convert it to a vacation rental permit.

Siding restrictions that counties and cities will be eliminated by the state, probably

Good time to look at the design standards as we discuss upzoning and rezoning in the UGA

Charles suggested that it's a good time to re-vamp the design standards by removing the exemptions that single family residences currently enjoy.

Agenda items for June meeting:

New code enforcement officer meet up

San Juan Builder's Association questions

Eastsound Parking

Meeting adjourned 4:45