



Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

1 A special meeting of the Okanogan County Planning Commission was held January 24th at 6:00
2 PM. The meeting was held in the Commissioners Hearing Room, 123 5th Ave. N., Okanogan,
3 Washington and via WebEx.

4 **PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS** present included: Verlene Hughes, Phillip Dart, Dave
5 Schulz. John Crandall, George Thornton, Salley Bull via webex

6 **OKANOGAN COUNTY STAFF MEMBERS** present included: Director of Planning Pete Palmer,
7 Randall Gottfriedson Senior Planner and Morgan Allen Administrative Secretary.

8 **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE via Phone/WebEx:** Isabelle Spohn

9 **Approval of Agenda:** Verlene Hughes motioned to approve the agenda, Salley Bull seconded. 5
10 for and 1 opposed, agenda approved.

11 **Approval of Minutes 12.27.2021:** John Crandall moved to approve the minutes with the
12 amendment of changing line 38 to special meeting, Salley Bull seconded, all approved.

13 **New Business:**

14 ➤ **Planning Priorities**

- 15 a. Director Palmer went over with the group the 2022 Priority Matrix. John
16 Crandall asked a question about the River Bank software. The group
17 discussed. Director Palmer gives an update of the Permit Data Base
18 through SmartGov. She states how the county made a purchase for a
19 consultant and now they are implementing information into their software.
20 She hopes the go live date will be at the end of March 2022. Dave Schulz
21 asked how are all these studies going to be implemented. Director Palmer
22 explained to Dave Schulz that it is above her but it is getting worked on.
23 Phil Dart spoke about the work they had done on the zone code that
24 ended up being not used and asked if Director Palmer can bring forward
25 that work. Director Palmer explained that the work will come forwarded.

26 ➤ **Zone Code Priority Survey**

- 27 a. Director Palmer went over with the group the “Your Opinion Matters”
28 survey that is on the Planning website. She stated how she is only got 16
29 surveys done since January 13th. She mentions how she hopes the
30 newspaper notice will encourage more people to take the survey and
31 asked the Planning Commission to encourage. Phil Dart asked what their
32 direction is going forward. Director Palmer stated that she isn’t sure as of
33 yet because the BOCC is still digesting and hoping that she will know
34 next meeting. Director Palmer explained to the group how the new zone
35 code drafting will work and how the survey will affect it. Verlene asked

36 how long the comment will be out. Director Palmer explained how she
37 was thinking of extending it out to March. John Crandall asked director
38 Palmer if the zone code map was on the website and Director Palmer
39 explained it was and how her department is working on updating the
40 maps on the website.

41 ➤ **Marijuana Moratorium Update**

- 42 a. Director Palmer went over her update with the group. She explained how
43 they were served with a lawsuit this morning and how there is and
44 extension in the works. She explains how this moratorium is working and
45 how it is there to make the grows come into compliance. Verlene Hughes
46 asked if this would need to be done prior to the zone code update.
47 Director Palmer stated she will explain that on her next agenda item Zone
48 Code Priority. She spoke about how they are going to be metering permit
49 exempt wells.

50 ➤ **Permit Trending Report**

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- 52 ➤ Dave Schulz asked Director Palmer if they got the budget for the code
53 enforcement. Director Palmer stated they did not but explained the planning
54 departments plan to move forward with code enforcement. The group discussed
55 code enforcement. The group discussed having winter meeting times and
56 summer meeting times. Verlene Hughes made a motion to have winter months
57 (October-March) meeting times start at 6pm and summer months (April-
58 September) start at 7pm, Dave Schulz seconded, all in favor.

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66 ➤ **Next Regular meeting:** 2.28.22 6pm

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70 **SUMMARY OF MOTIONS**

71 Verlene Hughes made a motion to have winter months (October-March) meeting times start at
72 6pm and summer months (April-September) start at 7pm, Dave Schulz seconded, all in favor.

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74 Prepared by Morgan Allen
75 Administrative Secretary