



**Planning Commission Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 27, 2023**

Meeting Minutes

1) CALL TO ORDER/LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT/AGENDA REVIEW

Chair Mathews called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers and on the Zoom webinar platform.

Chair Mathews and Commissioners Birtley, Deines, Schaab, Subramanian, and Sullivan were present. Vice Chair Blossom was absent.

Chair Mathews read the Land Acknowledgement.

2) PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

2.a Minutes

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Commissioner Schaab moved to approve the March 23, 2023, minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously, 6 – 0.

3) PUBLIC COMMENT

Maggie Rich of Housing Resources Bainbridge spoke in support of the Housing Action work.

4) PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Planning Director Charnas provided a report and updated the planning commission on staffing.

5) NEW BUSINESS

5.a Appoint Three Planning Commissioners to the Steering Committee Overseeing the Winslow Subarea Plan update and the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Review

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Planning Director Charnas introduced the agenda item and provided an update on a change made by the Council at their last meeting.

MOTION: I move to nominate Sean Sullivan, Ariel Birtley, and Yesh Subramanian to represent the Planning Commission on the Steering Committee Overseeing the Winslow Subarea Plan update and the Comprehensive Plan periodic review.

Mathews/Deines: The motion carried unanimously, 6 – 0.

AYES: Ashley Mathews, Yesh Subramanian, Ariel Birtley, Benjamin Deines, Sean Sullivan, Peter Schaab
NOES: None
ABSENT: Sarah Blossom
ABSTAIN: None

6) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.a Presentation and Review of Draft Housing Action Plan

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Sr. Planner Jennifer Sutton introduced the agenda item and speaker Jennifer Cannon from ECONorthwest.

Jennifer Cannon gave a presentation.

The Commissioners had questions, comments, and discussed the draft Housing Action Plan presentation.

Planning Director Charnas thanked the commissioners for their feedback and offered another discussion date if necessary. She announced she would be out of town for the next scheduled meeting on May 11 and Planning Manager Harper would be sitting in. To date there is just one agenda item scheduled for that meeting, a Noise Variance Public Hearing.

Deputy Mayor Quitslund had comments and was available for questions.

Ron Peltier commented on affordable housing and supports creative options.

7) FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Sullivan commented on the Winslow Subarea Plan Steering Committee recommendation and there was discussion.

8) ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.

/s/
Ashley Mathews, Chair

/s/
Peggy Nimb, Deputy City Clerk