

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 4, 2021

6:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Rob calls the February 4, 2021 Planning Commission to order at 6:34 PM

II. ROLL CALL

III. Robert Requa - Present

IV. Kristin Lavelle - Present

V. Don Williams - Present

VI. Bridgett Wisniewski - Present

VII. George Winters - Present

VIII. Amy Lucas - Present

IX. Dianne Allen - Present

X. Ivy Langston – Present

XI. Dan Rankin - Present

XII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- i. Bridgett motions to approve the agenda. Don seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

XIII. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- i. Don motions to approve the January 7, 2021 meeting minutes. George seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

XIV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Multi Family Zoning

- i. Amy says the State has handed down some mandates about affordable housing and multi family zoning. The state hasn't set a deadline so we are trying for this year or next year's docket. There will be a checklist coming that we need to work through. She suggests we go for next year's docket so Planning Commission can work through a good public process. Bridgett asks about the Pew Ridge. Amy states its purpose is to change the future land use plan for Darrington. The town can only consider the changes once a year in March. Dianne said we only have an application to change the comprehensive plan. This is to change the Pew Ridge from Light Industrial to Residential. Amy suggests Blanket Zoning.
- ii. This is a clause that states we are allowed to change our zoning once a year. The project schedule states we are starting now. February has reaching out to the public. March will have open house, and Town Council Approval.
- iii. Bridgett states we might need to start addressing a major septic system. Discussion is had over the ADU. Dan states this is the process where we state our comments. George says it

seems this is focused more on municipality that has larger departments with capability to handle all of this. More discussion is held in regarding to ADU. He says no matter how bad this bill seems to us; we are desperate in need of housing. George said one thing to consider, is that septic system has to be a priority no matter what decision is made. We can make an ADU that makes sense for our town. George asks if this is trying to be sold to us to get more tax revenue. Dan asks if we have to adopt this. Amy said there will probably be new versions of the bill to come out, but once the state partners with legislation, it will go through. Amy said it's not considering equity when you can sell land out from a homeowner. Kristen asks if there is a senate bill regarding ADUs on the docket. Amy says she believes so and she will look into it.

- iv. Bridgett motions to support the Public Participation Process to go to Town Council meeting. Rob seconds. All in favor. Motion is carried.

XV. ADJOURN

Rob adjourns the meeting February 4, 2021 Meeting at 7:21 PM

, Chair

ATTEST:

Dianne Allen, Clerk/Treasurer