

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2022  
6:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Kristin calls the September 1, 2022 Planning Commission to order at 6:33 PM

II. ROLL CALL

1. Kristin Lavelle
2. Rob Requa
3. Don Williams
4. Aida Miller
5. Christine Wegner

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- i. Don motions to approve the September 1, 2022 agenda. Christine seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- i. Rob motions to approve the August 4, 2022 meeting minutes. Don seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Hampton Lumber Mill

Janicki Industries has been approved by Hampton to build housing for employees along the lines of townhouses on Hampton owned property to the west of the mill. Dan says it looks to be between 20-35 acres. The commission is concerned with the zoning change from light industrial to residential and how it would affect the Town's growth. Other municipalities and counties have allowed multifamily housing in light industrial for employees. Aida asks if those current employees would be eligible for the housing or just future new hires. Dan states that all employees would be eligible. There is a lot of wetlands towards the back of the piece of land that Hampton is looking at. Amy asks if they are going to honor the county's easement for the Whitehorse trail. Dan says that they want to negotiate that easement.

2. Family Dollar Tree

Dianne is not present to discuss the proposal for the Dollar Tree. The Dollar Tree would be built on the lot between Dos Agaves and the grow plant on SR 530. Kristin would like to know if there is code against allowing franchises to build in Darrington. Christine would like to know how many jobs the Dollar Tree would create for the Town. Amy had a pre-application meeting with their team to go over everything they would need for their application. There is discussion of the landscaping. Christine is concerned with

their overall landscaping plan because they will be one of the first businesses that people will see when they drive into town. The commission would like to discuss this more when Dianne is back.

### 3. Comprehensive Plan

Amy says that the state has not moved on anything except climate change. She says that she has never seen the state push something so hard. The county is going forward with a climate change portion to the comp plan. DNR is serious about wildfires and are looking to obtain grants for more helicopters for fighting wildfires. There is no update on the county housing plan. Kristin wants to look into other small housing options for the comp plan, like pallet homes, shipping container homes and potentially house boats. Kristin would like the commission to consider a land acknowledgement on the front page of the comp plan that these lands are traditionally the Sauk-Suiattle people's lands. Dan does want communication with the Tribe and for them to approve the land acknowledgement statement. Kristin is willing to go speak with Robert at the Tribe and have him speak with the Tribal Elders and the Tribal Council to see how they would like the acknowledgement to be written. Amy states that the Fire District would like the Community Wildfire Plan finished so they are in compliance and will be eligible for funding next year.

## VI. ADJOURN

Kristin adjourns the meeting September 1, 2022 Meeting at 7:09 PM

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Kristin Lavelle, Chair

ATTEST:

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Dianne Allen, Clerk-Treasurer