

City of Buckley
Planning Commission Minutes

March 10, 2014

Chairperson Helmer called meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The following members were present: Harris, Leggett, and Wink. Also in attendance was City Planner Thompson.

Harris moved to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2014 and February 24, 2014 commission minutes. Wink seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Health District presentation for "Healthy Cities" by Amy Pow

Amy Pow, the Principal Planner from the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department came here to do a presentation on healthy cities. She went over their strategic plan and the Countywide Planning Policies. She then gave her "Healthy Cities" presentation and had a handout of the power point for everyone. She is looking forward to working with the City.

Day Care Center Ordinance discussion

Thompson stated she didn't have time to get anything done on this. Helmer stated he went through the State code, in all the things he read he only found one item that discussed anything regarding locations of daycares. He will forward that information on to Thompson.

Urban Design discussion

This is being handled by Leslie and she is not here tonight so we will discuss this at the next meeting.

Housing Element discussion

Harris stated one thing that needs to be discussed and the commission needs to nail down is where the high density housing will go, we need to have it and one place she thinks it needs to be is where they can get to shopping. There was a discussion by the commission as to where a good place would be to designate high density.

Economic Development discussion

Helmer stated he attended the Council study session to discuss this with the Council, he stated it went really well. At first they wanted more detail, they want us to bring them the finished product, and they don't want to write it for us. He discussed with them, what the Planning Commission expects from the Council at these workshops. There was an agreement what needs to be done is to give the Council some degree of direction, but it is up to them to decide specifics so he feels we are on the right track. Thompson has incorporated some of the issues that the Council discussed. **Harris moved to remove Table II Retail Trade Units from the Economic Development Plan. Wink seconded the motion and the motion carried.** The next item discussed was under the Economic Strategy regarding attractive tourism to Buckley, the commission agreed that it will read "and the presence of recreational vehicle services", removing recreational vehicle sales lots. The language "in the Carbon River Corridor" was also added. Thompson added Policy 3.1.2 based on Council's comments and the commission was in agreement. Policy 3.2.6 the wording was changed from chamber of commerce to business community. Policy 3.2.8, the one thing Helmer heard most of was that the business owners all park on the street so this would advertise more where the public parking is. Policy 3.2.9 (previously a second 3.2.8), Harris stated she is concerned that we are singling out paying for something for the museum. Helmer stated we should add information center to that as well. Policy 3.3.3 regarding magnet events, the commission was in agreement on. Policy 3.3.4 regarding maps of local points of interest in and around Buckley be available for business owners was also agreed upon by the commission. Policy 3.4.4 regarding recreating the train depot, stage coach or train car to serve as a commercial site was in agreement by the commission. Policy 3.5.1 included verbiage that says residential porches facing street fronts and large picture windows on businesses along Main Street. It was the commission's decision to remove Policy 3.5.6 regarding a pedestrian bridge over the highway. Policy 3.6.4 is a recommended paragraph written by Council member Montgomery, Harris stated it is redundant and doesn't need to be added. Policy 3.6.5 is a very wordy paragraph that the commission agreed to have removed. Policy 3.8.3 was agreed upon with the commission to leave it.

New/Old Business

The Park Plan will go to the Council meeting on March 25, 2013 for the first consideration.

Helmer gave an update to the commission about the work session he attended with the Council.

Next Meetings

Our next meeting will be March 24, 2014 at 7:00, which will include a public hearing on the Economic Development Element.

Harris moved to adjourn the meeting. Wink seconded the motion and the motion carried.

With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chuck Helmer", written over a horizontal line.

Chuck Helmer, Chairperson