

City of Buckley

Planning Commission Minutes

August 16, 2021

Garland called meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The following members were present: McCollum, McPhail, Mickelson, O'Neill and Viren. Griffin was absent. Also in attendance was Associate Planner Evan Lewis.

O'Neill moved to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2021, Planning Commission meeting. Mickelson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Public Hearing: Downtown Revitalization Strategy

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:02 PM

Lewis gave a brief overview of the Downtown Revitalization Strategy. The only change was adding more resources. The attached staff report will be for Council, to give them an overview as to how the Planning Commission got to this point. This does not replace code it just enhances it. Staff recommends Council adopt this by Resolution.

There were no public comments

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:08 PM.

O'Neill moved to forward the Downtown Revitalization Strategy to City Council with a recommendation of approval. McCollum second the motion and the motion carried.

There was a brief discussion with the Commission regarding being awarded the grant which will help fund the position for the Non-Profit position that will facilitate this strategy. Lewis stated this position should be filled either at the end of this year or beginning of next year.

Historic Preservation Ordinance

Michelle Thompson with the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) gave a brief presentation on what Certified Local Government Program is and how the historic preservation works.

Design Review – Buckley Multi-Use Sports Court in Rainier Gateway District

Lewis stated this has been discussed with Council extensively. This is the design review for the multi-use sports court by the skatepark. He then gave a brief overview of the design review application. There will be some light landscaping as well as metal bleachers. This is new construction and will be going to Council next week. The Planning Commission had some questions and concerns from Administrator Weed. One main concern was safety of balls leaving the court toward the highway. Weed stated there will be a 12-foot fence 6 feet off the basketball court and will be 25 feet from the ditch line running along 410. There was also a question about lighting. Weed stated there was a study done by a lighting engineer and will be able to adjust the lighting for seasonal adjustments. It was asked if there will be cameras and security. Weed stated yes there will as well as in and around the youth center that are being installed now. **Mickelson moved to approve the design review of the multi-use sports court subject to the conditions list in the staff report. O’Neill seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

Sign Code Updates

Lewis stated the focus for tonight to discuss the sign code for specific zones. The Commission will review these and discuss them at the next meeting.

New/Old Business – Updates, Calendar & Deadlines

Does the Planning Commission want to add a second meeting in September? The Commission agreed to have a meeting on September 13, 2021.

Comprehensive Plan updates will be picking up into the fall. Lewis stated he will give an update on the survey’s and by then the business survey should have launched.

Sign Code updates will be continuing through the fall.

Historic Preservation Ordinance we can discuss that more at the next meeting if Planning Commission wants.

There will probably be at least one design review for one of the meetings in September.

Lewis stated there are four issues on the next Council agenda, a lot of what the Planning Commission can accomplish will be determined by how much moves forward. Garland

stated if the Planning Commission wants him to attend, he would be happy to do that. The Planning Commission will wait and see what happens at the next meeting to decide what should be done. O'Neill stated everyone on the Planning Commission realizes the hard work the Planning Department puts in and they appreciate it very much.

With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.



Mel Garland, Chairperson