

**CITY OF MONROE
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
Monday, October 12, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Monroe Planning Commission was held on Monday, October 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., via Zoom online meeting platform.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tuttle called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Planning Commission Secretary Leigh Anne Barr called the roll.

Commissioners Present: Chair Tuttle, Vice-Chair Bull, Commissioner Jensen, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Fisher, Commissioner Stanger and Commissioner Nugent.

Staff Present: Community Development Director Ben Swanson, Principal Planner Shana Restall, Senior Planner Anita Marrero, Public Works Director Brad Feilberg; and Planning Commission Secretary Leigh Anne Barr.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Bull asked Staff to double check attendance of Park Board members in the minutes.

Commissioner Bull moved to approve both the minutes for September 14, 2020 joint Parks Board and the regular meetings. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stanger. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Remand of Application No. CPA2018-01 from the 2018 – 2019 Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket back to Planning Commission from City Council

Chair Tuttle opened the public hearing at 7:11pm.

Principal Planner Shana Restall gave an introduction to the application and answered questions from Commissioners. The Applicant, Laura Brent on behalf of the Monroe School District, gave an overview of the project including why the School District is making the request and the history of the application through the Comprehensive Plan Amendment process.

Public Works Director Brad Feilberg assisted in answering questions from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Stanger made a motion to not continue discussion on specific projects. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bull. Motion carried 7-0 at 7:55pm.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to open the public testimony portion of the public hearing at 8:03pm. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jensen. Motion carried 7-0.

Aisha Sial

Resident of Monroe, WA

Ms. Sial spoke in favor of the rezone to multi family.

Commissioner Jensen asked Staff if any other communication was received as part of the public hearing. Staff answered that none was received.

Commissioner Bull moved to close the public testimony portion of the public hearing. Motion seconded by Commissioner Nugent. Motion carried 7-0.

The Commissioners each took a turn explaining their reasons for how they would be voting.

Commissioner Bull made a motion to direct staff to draft Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law recommending that the Monroe City Council approve the proposed comprehensive plan amendments and associated rezone identified by file nos. CPA2018-01 and RZ2018-01. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stanger. Motion carried 4-3.

Chair Tuttle left the meeting at 8:40pm and Vice Chair Bull took over the chair responsibilities.

Commissioner Stanger made a motion to extend the meeting past 9pm. Motion carried 6-0.

Commissioner Stanger made a motion to add New Business 2: Discussion on the 2021-2026 Capitol Facilities Plan. Motion seconded by Commissioner Miller. Motion carried 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

1. North Kelsey Design Guidelines Amendment, Code Text Amendments regarding Multifamily Residential Uses in the North Kelsey/Tjerne Place Planning Area, and Zoning Map Amendments

Senior Planner Anita Marrero introduced Bob Bengford with Makers Architecture who has been working the the update to the North Kelsey Design guidelines. Mr. Bengford gave a presentation that covered many of the updates that have been made. Discussion followed between the Commissioners and Mr. Bengford.

2. Discussion: CA2020XX, 2021-2026 Capitol Facilities Plan
Director Feilberg gave an introduction to the Capitol Facilities. This is a Comprehensive Plan Amendment that is allowed to run concurrently with the budget cycle. The public hearing for the Capitol Facilities Plan is scheduled for October 26, 2020 at the Planning Commission meeting.

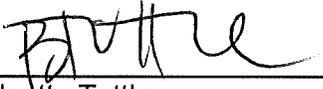
DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

Planning Commission Secretary Leigh Anne Barr reminder Commissioners that they need to do training

Director Swanson gave an update on working with Lowes to lift the restrictions on surrounding properties.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Jensen moved to adjourn at 9:51pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nugent. Motion carried 6-0.



Bridgette Tuttle
Chair



Leigh Anne Barr
Planning Commission Secretary