

**TOWN OF LA CONNER
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
May 21, 2019**

The Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present were commissioners Bruce Bradburn, Marna Hanneman, Carol Hedlin, Linda Talman, Liz Theaker, and Planning Director Marianne Manville-Ailles.

Also present was Jamie Baugh.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jamie Baugh introduced herself to the commissioners. She is interested in joining the Parks Commission and wanted to sit in on a public meeting and see how things are done. She and her husband recently moved to La Conner and would like to get to know the community and be involved.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Hanneman moved to approve the February 19, 2019 minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Theaker. Commissioner Talman recused herself since she was not at the February meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Talman moved to correct the previously approved January 15, 2019 minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Bradburn. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- *Public Hearing -- 2019 Capital Facilities Update to account for funding and construction for a new library for the Town of La Conner.*

The La Conner Library is applying for grant funding to build a new library, and in order to qualify for a certain grant, the new library needs to be mentioned in the Town's Comprehensive Plan. This particular update qualifies as an exception to the once-yearly Comp Plan update limit, as there is wording that provides for the Capital Facilities Plan to be updated as often as necessary, so long as it is in conjunction with a budget amendment.

Because the grant application deadline was up before this Planning Commission meeting, Council held a special meeting to approve this Capital Facilities amendment. The public hearing is still being held and changes can still be made to this amendment. The Capital Facilities plan overhaul that is planned this year will go forward as intended; this minor update is just to satisfy that specific grant requirement. Since this hearing was held after Council approval of the amendment, it could be appealed as not following protocol, and

the Commission would accept it and make the change during the Capital Facilities element review later this year instead.

Public Hearing opened at 6:14 p.m. Jamie Baugh spoke in support of the amendment.

Public Hearing closed at 6:15 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bradburn to approve the Capital Facilities update to account for funding and construction of a new library for the Town of La Conner. Second by Commissioner Hanneman. Motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

- *Planning Commission Bylaws*

The Planning Commission was working on creating bylaws last year but did not finish the process and formally adopt them. A final draft has been completed and will be adopted at the next Planning Commission meeting. One final change needs to be made to the bylaws to indicate that the Commission now meets only once a month on the third Tuesday of the month.

- *Design Charrette*

Commissioner Theaker enquired about progress on the design charrette. Marianne said that Skagit County has a couple of interns that would be interested in doing some design work for La Conner, so it is possible that they would be able to help the Town put together the climate change design competition. The Commission will reach out to them about this and Commissioner Theaker will talk to John Doyle some more about his thoughts on the charrette.

CLOSING COMMENTS:

The traffic counts for the Town were done in February, and Marianne got the data about ten days ago. She has compiled it along with the other data the traffic consultants have requested, including pedestrian/bike counts that Commissioner Talman provided access to. The Commission will provide the consultants with additional information they want to focus on; the issue of speeding on town arterials is a big concern that will be addressed with traffic calming strategies.

Commissioner Talman will highlight the areas of the Anacortes transportation element that she feels are things that should be included in La Conner's Comprehensive Plan and will meet with Marianne to go over it so it can be sent to the consultant. The Commission will start reviewing the Transportation element goals and policies at the June meeting. Marianne recommended they start the process by identifying what needs to be added, deleted and expanded in the existing goals and policies. They hope to have a rough draft by July.

The Snow Geese sculpture installation has generated some feedback- both positive and negative. As a result, the topic of size and scale of art installations is on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

With no further business Commissioner Talman moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Bradburn. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair

Date