

**TOWN OF LA CONNER  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
November 7, 2023**

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

Commissioners present: Carol Hedlin, Marna Hanneman, Bruce Bradburn, John Leaver, Sommer Holt

Commissioners absent: None

Staff: Michael Davolio, Ajah Eills

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**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Linda Talman distributed a piece of paper and stated that the town paper did not provide enough information about meetings. She also would like to know more about any action taken in regards to non-motorized transportation, and advocated for more support for non-motorized transportation.

**MINUTES:**

Commissioner Bradburn moved to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2023 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Leaver. **Motion to approve minutes carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Bradburn moved to approve the minutes from the October 17 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Hannaman. **Motion to approve the minutes carried unanimously.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Staff received the building permit application for the Talmon Development and noticed several discrepancies between the plans and the requirements placed on the development by the Town code and the Hearing Examiner. These included height, amount of short-term rental rooms, encumbered parking, lack of entrances, and setbacks. The plans are still under review.

Staff presented information about a community event which occurred on October 17<sup>th</sup> at the Garden Club, and was designed to solicit community input into Short Term Rental Regulations. It was well attended.

Staff stated that parking on 1<sup>st</sup> street would be the focus of the upcoming joint Planning Commission and Town Council meeting on November 28<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Staff discussed the recommendations about the climate element given by Western Washington University students in a collaboration with local municipalities. These recommendations will be discussed as the chapters relating to the recommendations come up.

Staff presented final text of Chapter 10, Essential Public Facilities, to the commission for final recommendation.

Commissioner Bradburn made a motion to recommend the text for Council approval. Commission Holt seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

Planner Davolio thanked the commissioners for their time and work on researching affordable housing solutions. Currently, staff is thinking that an acceptable ratio of community space would be 1sqft of community space for 1sqft of housing.

Commissioners discussed the trip to Langley.

Commissioners and staff discussed the initial draft housing and population allocations provided by Skagit County.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/STAFF COMMENTS:**

There were no closing comments.

The next regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on November 21, 2023. There will be a joint meeting of the Planning Commission and Town Council held on November 28, 2023.

With no further business Commissioner Leaver moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Bradburn. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Carol Hedlin  
Chair

11/21/2023  
Date