

Planning Commission Meeting

433 Cherry Street, Sumas

Monday, March 18, 2024, at 5:30 PM

Minutes

PRESENT

Ex-Officio Josh Clawson

Carson Cortez, City Planner

Michelle Quinn, City Clerk

Planning Committee

Present

Jacob Williams

John VanWingerden

Helen Solem

Lizette Custer

John VanWingerden made a motion to approve January 29, 2024, Minutes, Jacob Williams seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

Carson Cortez, City Planner, started with the public participation plan review that is part of the comprehensive plan update, the first plan was adopted in mid-1995. The last survey the city conducted was in 1992. It had multiple-choice and short answer questions to identify what the resident's thought would be beneficial for the city.

Carson presented the draft survey to the committee for their review and get their ideas. The members thought it was very straight forward and flows well. One suggestion was allowing people to remain anonymous if they choose, if no email is provided, they will be anonymous. Carson explained the survey will be available on our website, Facebook page, mail paper copies. Carson's timeline to make this survey go live will be in the next couple of weeks.


Carson stated to keep the public involved with the comprehensive review; the public meetings that people can consider are council meetings, for decision making, planning commission, meetings, which are more for discussions. Both meetings are open to the public. Also, Washington State officially stated that the comprehensive plan update is now due December 31, 2025, giving an extra six months to complete the update.

A comprehensive plan timeline will be added to our website, and this will provide our residents with helpful resources and how they can get involved.

Lizette Custer was appointed to another three years on the planning commission; her term will expire in 2026.

The next meeting was set for April 15, 2024, at 5:30 pm.

Jacob Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting, John VanWingerden seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.



City Clerk



Councilmember Josh Clawson, Ex Officio