



Planning Commission Public Meeting Minutes for January 8, 2020

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Chair McNett called the Public Meeting of January 8, 2020, to order at approximately 5 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: Commissioners McNett, Graf, MacKenzie, Mount, Cortright, & Ruether
Members absent: Doll

At 5:03pm, Commissioners went into an Executive Session Meeting until 5:28pm.

Minutes

Minutes from November 20, 2019, December 4, 2019, and December 18, 2019 will be presented at a later date.

Correspondence None

Old Business

Continued discussion of the Draft Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) Update, recommendations review on Draft #2 of the Critical Areas Ordinance Update:

Chair McNett introduced two new Commissioners, Mike Cortright and Sarah Ruether. McNett also mentioned that the meeting for tonight is not a public hearing as stated in the agenda. It is a public meeting. No public testimony will be taken.

Tess Cooper, Associate Planner, provided a summary of the process for tonight which included a presentation from the Department of Ecology on wetlands and buffers, public comment summary of comments received December 19, 2019 – January 3, 2020, and recommended changes from Staff, public, and Department of Ecology for the CAO update.

Rick Mraz, Wetland Policy Lead with the WA Department of Ecology (DOE), gave a presentation on wetlands and buffers, identified references used to define boundaries, etc. Chris Luerkens with the DOE was also present and available for questions.

Ms Cooper presented a comment summary list of all public comments on the CAO draft which included the 40 new comments since December 18, 2019. A new line was added to the list in support of bikes and trails. Ms Cooper provided a graph of the many groups, agencies, and

members of the community that are stakeholders in updating the CAO but cautioned that we have not heard from everyone who may have an interest the CAO update.

Ms Cooper presented a list of the recommended changes with options for each change and the recommended option by Staff and DOE. Commissioners tentatively agreed with most changes but will discuss at a future meeting AMC 19.70.210 Wetland Designation and regionally/locally significant wetlands. Department of Ecology offered advice on the subject and agreed to conduct their own evaluation and rating of the specified wetlands.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2020 at 5:00 pm.

With no further discussion, Chair McNett concluded the meeting at approximately 7:53 pm.