



Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 30, 2025 at 6:00 PM

9103 E Frederick Ave.

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1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Ankney at 6:00 pm. A quorum was present.

PRESENT

Commissioner Mike Ankney
Commissioner Bobbie Beese
Commissioner Jay Molitor
Commissioner Bill Rickard
Commissioner Savannah Wu attended remotely

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion made by Commissioner Molitor, Seconded by Commissioner Rickard to approve the agenda as presented.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Ankney, Commissioner Beese, Commissioner Molitor, Commissioner Rickard, Commissioner Wu

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Motion to approve July 1, 2025 & July 8, 2025 meeting minutes as presented or with any modifications.

Motion made by Commissioner Molitor, Seconded by Commissioner Beese to approve the July 1st, 2025 minutes as presented.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Ankney, Commissioner Beese, Commissioner Molitor, Commissioner Rickard, Commissioner Wu

Motion made by Commissioner Rickard, Seconded by Commissioner Molitor to approve the July 8th, 2025 minutes as presented.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Ankney, Commissioner Beese, Commissioner Molitor, Commissioner Rickard, Commissioner Wu

4. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Periodic Update - Climate Element (Dr. Meg Horst, Cascadia Consulting Group)

Dr. Meg Horst from Cascadia Consulting explained the Climate Element was a 2023 Washington Growth Management requirement and because of Millwood's size we were required to have adaptation measures to improve resilience to climate impacts and were not required to have emissions reduction measures. She discussed Millwood's current policies that addressed climate hazards and ways those could be expanded upon. Dr. Horst discussed Millwood's climate impact concerns which included extreme temperatures, wildfire smoke, snowpack, draught. She also discussed Millwood's assets which included parks, trails, trees and the wading pool as well as Millwood's vulnerabilities which included housing that had not been updated and senior citizens.

The Commissioners discussed the inclusion of the Shoreline Management Plan, the recently adopted tree ordinance and blue zones information in the Climate Element section.

b. Periodic Update - Discuss modifications to Draft Comprehensive Plan

Ms. Tainio went over the updates she had completed that included, the addition of several definitions, modifications to existing definitions, the addition of a definition disclaimer which stated that if there was a conflict the Millwood Municipal Code would prevail and the Central Business District Map.

The Commission discussed the census data, accuracy of the percentage of households by income and race data, housing affordability by income group data, inclusion of a disclaimer regarding data, boundaries of the Central Business District and various additions and modifications to the definitions in appendix A.

5. PUBLIC REMARKS

Todd Beese, 8610 E South Riverway, commented that the Masonic Lodge would be a good facility for a Climate Element partnership.

6. CITY PLANNER REPORT

a. City Planning Report

Ms. Tainio presented the June 2025 Planning Report. Ms. Tainio asked the Commissioners if any of them would be able to assist at the Millwood Daze Planning Commission Booth? Commissioner Molitor, Commissioner Rickard and Commissioner Ankney agreed to man the booth at Millwood Daze.

7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Beese commented on the removal of 6 trees on Argonne due to the Argonne Congestion Relief Project.

Commissioner Wu expressed concern regarding responses to emails, and traffic concerns on Marguerite.

Commissioner Rickard commented on replacing the dead trees on the trail.

Commissioner Ankney thanked staff and his fellow commissioners on their work on the Periodic Update.

8. SET NEXT MEETING - August 27, 2025 at 6:00pm

Anticipated Agenda Items:

- Periodic Update - Public Hearing on Draft Comprehensive Plan w/ Chapter 10 Millwood Park Master Plan featured

Planning Commission Recommendation to City Council on Periodic Update - Draft Comprehensive Plan is scheduled for September 24, 2025.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Beese, Seconded by Commissioner Molitor to adjourn the Planning Commission Regular Meeting at 7:40 pm.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Ankney, Commissioner Beese, Commissioner Molitor, Commissioner Rickard, Commissioner Wu

Approved:

Attest:

Michael Ankney, Planning Commission Chair

Lisa Cassels, City Clerk