



PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES REGULAR HYBRID MEETING October 17, 2022

This meeting was conducted in person and remotely using teleconferencing technology provided by Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:

Commissioners:

Chair Luke Marusiak, Commissioners Steve Smith, David Goodman, Andrew Testman, and Darrell Lambert were present.

Commissioners Neeraj Mathur and Chris Alef (excused) were absent.

Councilmember Jo Johnson, Council Liaison, Mayor Katherine Ross.

City Staff:

Emily Arteche, Community Development Director, Dinah Reed, Senior Planner, and Jason Rogers, Senior Planner.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by Marusiak; second by Smith to:

Approve the agenda.

PASSED: 5-0

MINUTES

Approval of the October 3, 2022, minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Councilmember Johnson shared two items:

1. The city has hired a mental health professional to assist the police department, Stephanie Butler. She will be assisting on various types of calls. Funding is primarily coming from the State.
2. Councilmember Rob Wotton was appointed to be the liaison to address affordable housing needs.

PERMIT REVIEW / DESIGN REVIEW BOARD ITEM

DRB2022-0009, Gere Automotive

The application submitted to the City for DRB approval proposes a change of use of an existing building at 9025 Meadowbrook Way SE that was formerly a bank/credit union to a vehicle service and repair shop. The proposed plan decreases the square footage of the existing building by removing the existing front vestibule. Additional changes include removing nine (9) parking spaces in the front where the five service bay doors will be located and creating a new storefront/waiting area for customers in the west corner.

Commissioners discussed the scope of the design review for the proposal, the plan set for construction, and the color scheme. Commissioners were concerned that a representation of the actual color scheme is not yet available, and that a condition be added to review the color scheme later when it is available.

MOTION by Commissioner Marusiak to approve the proposal with the three conditions recommended by staff,
SECONDED by Commissioner Smith.

MOTION by Commissioner Marusiak to add a fourth condition stating that the applicant will present a final color scheme to the Design Review Board for approval prior to painting, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Smith.
PASSED 5-0

Main Motion, as amended
PASSED 5-0

Historic Design Review Code Amendment

Staff reviewed proposed changes to Chapter 17.35 of the Snoqualmie Municipal Code, focused on updating procedural requirements for historic design review. The Commission also discussed timing of further Commission review and for a public hearing.

OTHER BUSINESS

Training

The Commission discussed followup to the Short Course on Local Planning and the PSRC Passport to 2044 series.

Items of Commissioner Interest

Commissioner Goodman noted that the comparison table for the Historic Design Review code amendment was very helpful.

Commissioner Lambert asked for an update on the small clothing store on Falls Ave that underwent Design Review. Staff will check and provide an update.

Commissioner Marusiak asked if there was any update on the former Woodman Lodge space.

Upcoming Schedule

Staff reviewed the planning schedule for the Planning Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Commissioner Marusiak, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Smith to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:14pm.

Next regularly scheduled meeting (hybrid) - 7:30pm on Tuesday, November 7, 2022

CITY OF SNOQUALMIE

Luke Marusiak, Chair

Attest:

Jason Rogers, Senior Planner