



PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES MAY 5, 2025

This meeting was conducted in person at Snoqualmie City Hall and remotely using Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL: Chair Testman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Commissioners: Ashleigh Kilcup (remote), Darrell Lambert (remote), Luke Marusiak, Dan Murphy, Simon Hurley, and Andre Testman were present.

Councilmember Jo Johnson was also present.

City Staff:

Dena Burke, City Attorney; Mona Davis, Community and Economic Development Director; Jeff Hamlin, Parks & Public Works Director; Deana Dean, City Clerk; and Brian Mainstone, IT Systems Engineer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ashley, owner of June & Gem Ceramics, spoke to paint color options.

AGENDA APPROVAL - It was moved by Commissioner Testman, seconded by Commissioner Marusiak to approve the agenda which passed unanimously.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT – CM Johnson noted the Splashpad Grand Opening will be on June 6, 2025, from 2-4pm, Council is considering the utility rate schedule and likely to adopt new rates at their next meeting, and the Community Development Committee has moved the retail overlay items to be heard at the next three Council meetings.

MINUTES

- It was moved by Commissioner Testman, seconded by Commissioner Murphy to approve the minutes dated April 21, 2025, which passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- King County Historic Preservation. Introduction by Community & Economic Development Director Mona Davis. Presentation by Jennifer Meisner and Sarah Steen from King County Historic Preservation. Commission questions and comments followed.
- Historic Preservation Code Amendments Discussion. Introduction by Community & Economic Development Director Mona Davis. Presentation by Contract Planner Andrew Love. Topics covered included background, map of historic areas, concerns with current version of the code, concerns with Snoqualmie Historical Design Review Board, concerns with processing, and next steps. Commissioner comments and questions followed.

OLD BUSINESS

- Overlay Zones Color Palette. Introduction by Community & Economic Development Director Mona Davis. Presentation by Contract Planner Andrew Love. Topics covered included background, map of historic

areas, direction from last meeting, review of city of Orting colors, current approved color palette, highlights of public comment by Richard Anderson, recommendation for color palette requirements, and potential option on color. It was noted a Public Hearing on this matter is scheduled for the May 19, 2025, Planning Commission meeting. Commissioner questions and comments followed.

It was moved by Commissioner Testman, seconded by Commissioner Marusiak to **Propose for public comment at the next Planning Commission meeting to expand the color palette as articulated as Option #3 with guidelines to be worked out between staff and commission in subsequent meetings.**

PASSED: 4-2 (Testman, Kilcup, Marusiak, Hurley) (No: Lambert and Murphy)

PERMIT REVIEW/DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

The Planning Commission, sitting as the Design Review Board or the Historic Design Review Board, reviews the design of certain development proposals in Snoqualmie. The Planning Commission also reviews certain development permits per the Snoqualmie Municipal Code. Public comment may be limited for some or all of these items due to the nature of the permit approval process.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY ITEMS/REGULATIONS

5. Draft Climate Element – Goals and Policies. Introduction by Community & Economic Development Director Mona Davis. Presentation by Chris Green of Otak. Topics covered included resilience sub-element requirements, priority hazards, gap analysis, preliminary resilience goals, Snoqualmie GHG Inventory, preliminary GHG emissions reduction goals and policies including build environment sector, transportation sector, and GHG emissions reduction sub-element requirements.

OTHER BUSINESS

Items of Planning Commission Interest:

6. Parks & Public Works Staff Updates provided by Parks & Public Works Director Jeff Hamlin and covered the irrigation reservoir - Water Reclamation Facility. Commissioner questions followed.

Commissioners Marusiak commented on non-specificity of the climate element. Commissioner Murphy commented on transit.

Upcoming Schedule: The next meeting is set for May 19, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Testman, seconded by Commissioner Marusiak to adjourn the meeting which passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Minutes prepared by Deana Dean, City Clerk.

Recorded meeting audio is available on the city website after the meeting.

Minutes approved at the _____, 2025, Planning Commission Meeting.