

DRAFT Minutes
Stevenson Planning Commission Meeting
Monday, April 10, 2023
6:00 PM

Planning Commission Vice-Chair Zettler called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT	Commissioners Auguste Zettler, Anne Keesee. Commissioner Davy Ray arrived at 6:30 p.m.
STAFF PRESENT	Community Development Director Ben Shumaker, Planning & Public Works Assistant Tiffany Anderson
GUESTS PRESENT	Alex Capron, DCG/The Watershed Company
PUBLIC PRESENT	Mary Repar, Bernard Versari, Tracy Gratto, other unidentified

A. Preliminary Matters

- 1. Public Comment Expectations** Tools to use for remote participants: *6 to mute/unmute & *9 to raise hand. Commenters must raise their hand and be acknowledged by the Chair. Individual comments may be limited to 3 minutes. Disruptive individuals may be required to leave the meeting. Persistent disruptions may result in the meeting being recessed and continued at a later date.
- 2. Public Comment Period** (For items not located elsewhere on the agenda)
>Repar commented on the need for transparency and accountability related to annexation and comprehensive plan procedures. She continued to discuss state and regional efforts related to climate change.
- 3. April 10th, 2023 Minutes** [Lack of quorum at the beginning shifted discussion of this item until after item #4]. **MOTION:** to approve the April 10th, 2023 minutes by Keesee, seconded by Ray.
Voting aye: Ray, Zettler, Keesee

B. New Business

No new business was presented.

Old Business

- 4. Shoreline Public Access: Presentation from The Watershed Company/Alex Capron**
Capron provided a report highlighting the results related to nine projects presented at the April 19th charette. The intent on the 19th was to provide for public viewing and comments and set priorities. Public attendees selected their top five projects using several methods. Capron summarized the work and timeline regarding the integrated shoreline access & trails options. The results from this work will be presented at the June Stevenson City Council meeting.

Over the next month the City staff and the project consultants will work to finalize the plan and develop more specific designs, cost estimates, and funding possibilities for the top five projects. Shumaker noted the city's goal of providing continuous public access to sites along the shorefront.

Ray provided comments regarding the Washington Trail's Association willingness to help with the projects. He also suggested several roads that had been affected by a past landslide were in need of repair.

> **Repar** commented on parking needs and the potential for increased emergency services if more public usage results from additional shoreline/water access.

5. Subcommittee Reports **Downtown Parking**

Keesee reported on Downtown Parking. Seven people are serving on the committee. A further parking study will take place in July 2023 to gather additional data on street usage in order to prioritize parking improvement projects.

> **Repar** commented on parking on Russell Street.

Discussion

6. Staff & Commission Reports **Shumaker** presented brief updates on the following items:

Broadband Project is ongoing, involving 2 separate projects evaluating needs and estimating costs for projects. Skamania County, Mid-Columbia Economic Development District and Washington State University are serving as partners.

East Loop Road Water Project Completed.

Spruce Up Stevenson Good turn out. Good weather.

City Council Strategic Plan The Council reviewed the city's strategic plan. No major change in directive was determined.

7. Thought of the Month (In)Complete Streets- <https://smartgrowthamerica.org/complete-streets-are-being-co-opted-to-build-unsafe-streets-who-is-at-fault/>

Shumaker shared information on designing streets that encompass and accommodate all users.

Upzoning: <https://www.strongtowns.org/journal/2023/4/26/upzoning-might-not-lower-housing-costs-do-it-anyway?>

Shumaker explained upzoning is a term regarding zoning to allow increased density.

8. Adjournment **MOTION** to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. was made by **Ray**, seconded by **Keesee**. No objections.

Minutes recorded by Johanna Roe.