



Planning Commission Meeting

433 Cherry Street, Sumas, WA
Tuesday, June 09, 2026, at 5:30 PM

Minutes

Present: Carson Cortez, City Planner; Josh Clawson, Ex Officio, Michelle Quinn, City Clerk; Helen Solem, Commissioner; Lizette Custer, Commissioner; John Van Wingerden, Commissioner; and Jacob Williams, Commissioner.

John Van Wingerden made a motion to approve April 20, 2026, minutes. Jacob Williams seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

Western Washington University planning students gave a presentation on the Cherry Street Redesign/SR 9 project.

The presentation included the following agenda items:

1. Project Overview
2. Studio Survey Findings
3. Phasing Implementation Plan
4. Implementation Strategies
- a. Code Revisions
- b. Partnerships, including a nonprofit to manage buyouts and rural transportation
- c. Managed Retreat
5. Funding Sources by Topic/Strategies

The project overview focused on Cherry Street/SR 9 design and policy recommendations for expanded pedestrian and vehicle safety, resilient economic development, flood risk reduction, and land use. The students reviewed the project goals and survey findings. The information was well presented, and the students did an excellent job explaining the project.

John Van Wingerden made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jacob Williams seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

Councilmember Josh Clawson, Ex Officio

City Clerk