



## Planning Commission Meeting

433 Cherry Street, Sumas  
Monday, March 16, 2026, at 5:30 PM

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### Minutes

#### Present

Ex-Officio Josh Clawson  
Carson Cortez, City Planner  
Michelle Quinn, City Clerk  
Helen Solem, Commissioner  
Lizette Custer, Commissioner  
John Van Wingerden Commissioner  
Jacob Williams, Commissioner

#### Absent

Chris Fuhrman, Commissioner

#### Review/Correct and/or Approve Minutes

October 20, 2025, Draft Minutes

John Van Wingerden made a motion to approve October 20, 2025, Minutes, Lizette Custer seconded; all were in favor and the motion carried.

#### New Business

WWU Planning Students - Presentation on Cherry Street Improvement Ideas

The Western Washington University Planning Department Students gave a presentation on Reimagining Cherry Street.

The Cherry Street project overview was for design and policy recommendations for Expanded Pedestrian & Vehicle Safety. Also, to have Resilient Economic Development, Flood Risk Reduction and Land Use.

The key takeaways -

- Prioritize green space, native planting, and flood mitigation.
- Support investment in local businesses,
- Support Development While Prioritizing Flood Management
- Prioritize Pedestrian & Driver Safety and
- Preserving Sumas' Rural Character

**Adjournment**

Jacob Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lizette Custer seconded; all were in favor and the motion carried.

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Councilmember Josh Clawson, Ex Officio

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City Clerk

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