

**CITY OF BLAINE
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
Thursday, February 9, 2017
7:00 PM
Calvin Armerding - Chair**

A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

B. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Calvin Armerding, Richard May, Steve Hrutfiord, and Larry Wonnacott

ABSENT: Sue Sturgill, Kevin Owens, John LeBrun

STAFF: Community Development Director, Michael Jones
Community Planner II, Alex Wenger
Community Planner I, Maddie Ottley

Mr. Wenger noted Commissioner Sturgill and Commissioner Owens asked to be excused from the February 9, 2017 Planning Commission meeting.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MAY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WONNACOTT TO EXCUSE COMMISSIONERS STURGILL AND OWENS, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0).

C. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MAY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HRUTFIORD, TO MOVE THE ELECTION OF THE VICE CHAIRPERSON TO THE NEXT MEETING, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

D. AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

Note: The Commission reordered the agenda based on a request from staff to accommodate the members of the audience and applicants present.

E. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Transportation Benefit District Presentation

Public Works Director Ravyn Whitewolf presented information on the proposed Transportation Benefit District (TBD). Ms. Whitewolf spoke about different funding options for the TBD and if passed potential projects which would be funded by the TBD. Ms. Whitewolf indicated 80 percent of the revenue from the TBD would be used for street improvements and the remaining 20 percent would

be used for trail projects. Lastly, Ms. Whitewolf highlighted City Council formed the TBD approximately two weeks prior, and City Council would decide on a funding option at the next Council meeting on February 13, 2016.

F. PUBLIC HEARING:

CHAIRPERSON ARMERDING READ THE RULES FOR A PUBLIC HEARING.

Semiahmoo Park Equipment Shelter Shoreline Substantial Development Permit

Mr. Wenger presented the staff report, noting why the proposed shelter qualified for a Shoreline Substantial Development Permit and details about the proposed structure.

Mr. Wenger stated that staff recommends approval of the project with proposed conditions.

Shamish Gamble and Christ Thomsen from Whatcom County Parks Department spoke about the proposed shelter and naming of the structure it will be covering.

The Board had a conversation with the Whatcom County Parks representatives.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WONNACOTT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HRUTFIORD, TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE WHATCOM COUNTY PARK EQUIPMENT COVER SHORELINE SUBSTANTIAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT (SMP-3-16) BASED ON THE FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL CONTAINED WITHIN THE STAFF REPORT, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0).

G. NEW BUSINESS: None

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Study Session with City Council

Staff and the Commission had a conversation about topics of conversation for the proposed joint study session with City Council, and agreed to schedule a meeting with the Council.

Mr. Wenger stated the meeting will most likely be scheduled for April.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MAY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WONNACOTT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2017, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0).

H. ADJOURNMENT 7:54 PM.



Calvin Armerding, Chair



Michael Jones, Staff

Planning Commission minutes of February 9, 2017, to be approved at the February 23, 2017
Planning Commission meeting.