

**CITY OF SNOHOMISH  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 4, 2023**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Terry Lippincott opened the regular meeting of the Planning Commission at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 4, 2023.

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

**3. ROLL CALL**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Terry Lippincott, Chair  
Gordon Cole  
Mitch Cornelison  
Hank Eskridge  
Nick Gottuso

**STAFF:**

Brooke Eidem, Planning Director  
Thomas Kreinbring, Assistant Planner

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Judith Kuleta, City Council Liaison

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

Merritt Weese (excused)

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER**

Chair Lippincott asked for the agenda order to be approved as presented. Hearing no objections, the agenda order stood as presented.

**5. APPROVAL** of the minutes of the December 7, 2022, regular meeting.

Commissioner Cole moved to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2022, meeting as written. Commissioner Cornelison seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

**6. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Morgan Davis commented on the southern Urban Growth Area (UGA).

**7. DISCUSSION ITEM**

**HOUSING ASSESSMENT & GAP ANALYSIS (HAGA)**

Ms. Eidem presented a summary of the HAGA and answered questions from the Planning Commission. There were several questions that Ms. Eidem will follow up on.

The next step in the process is a joint meeting with the City Council on February 21<sup>st</sup>. The main topic of discussion will be housing, and guest speakers from the Alliance for Housing Affordability and the Department of Commerce will be present to answer questions and provide policy suggestions.

Chair Lippincott asked for a definition of middle housing. Ms. Eidem explained that it is a type of multiple-unit residential development that fits within the context of single-family neighborhoods, generally including duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, townhomes and cottage housing.

Ms. Eidem asked the Planning Commission to send any additional questions to her in order to allow staff and guest speakers to be prepared to provide answers at the upcoming joint meeting. Commissioner Wakefield Nichols asked about the middle housing grant the City was awarded and Ms. Eidem explained its intent and that it is to support the new requirements of the housing element in the comprehensive plan periodic update.

#### **8. COMMISSIONER QUESTIONS & COMMENTS**

Commissioners had no further questions.

#### **9. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Eidem provided the Planning Commission's revised 2023 work plan and remarked on the changes made to it. The February 1<sup>st</sup> Planning Commission regular meeting will be canceled because the Commission will be meeting with the City Council on February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 pm. She noted the Planning Commission by-laws will also be adopted at the joint meeting.

#### **10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Approved this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2023.

By:     /s/ Lippincott    

Commissioner Terry Lippincott, Chair