

**CITY OF SNOHOMISH
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
August 3, 2022**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Nick Gottuso opened the regular meeting of the Planning Commission at 6:01 p.m. on Wednesday, August 3, 2022

2. ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Nick Gottuso, Vice Chair
Gordon Cole
Mitch Cornelison
Terry Lippincott
Merritt Weese

STAFF:

Glen Pickus, Planning Director
Brooke Eidem, Planner
Thomas Kreinbring, Assistant Planner

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lee Anne Burke, City Council Liaison
Judith Kuleta, City Council Liaison

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Christine Wakefield Nichols (excused)
Hank Eskridge (excused)

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER

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

4. APPROVAL of the minutes of the July 6, 2022, regular meeting.

Commissioner Cole moved to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2022 meeting.
Commissioner Weese seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

5. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kyle Rivera, Avenue A, asked questions and provided feedback on the Midtown District process.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

AMENDING CHAPTER 14.210 SNOHOMISH MUNICIPAL CODE, DIMENSIONAL AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Ms. Eidem provided a summary and background information about amending Chapter 14.210 Snohomish Municipal Code (SMC), Dimensional and Other Requirements to improve its clarity and organization with only a few substantive changes proposed.

The Commission discussed, asked questions of staff, and provided direction. Commissioner Cole stated that he thinks SMC 14.210.030(C) regarding rounding up fractions should not have an exception for density calculations. Staff will research how other jurisdictions handle fractions in density calculations. Commissioner Cole asked the effect of using the proposed SMC 14.210.150(B) and SMC 14.210.150(C) language on patios on a sloped site. Staff

provided feedback, and stated they would look further into the interpretation. Commissioner Cole asked for clarification about the proposed changes to SMC 14.210.160, and how the last sentence is interpreted. Ms. Eidem explained she would discuss it the Engineering Department and would provide the Commission with the result of that discussion. The Commission discussed the proposed new height limitations in SMC 14.210.250(C) for accessory buildings. Commissioner Gottuso suggested using the same height limits referenced in SMC 14.175.040(A)(2) and the Commission concurred.

There was no public comment on this item of the agenda.

UPDATE OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION BYLAWS

Mr. Pickus provided a summary and background information about updating the bylaws. He then presented the staff proposal, which the Commission will vote on at the December meeting. The version approved by the Commission would then be brought to the City Council for their approval.

The Commission discussed, asked questions, and provided staff feedback specific to the following proposed contents of:

- Article II Section 5
- Article IV Sections 2 and 5
- Article V Section 3 and 6
- Article VI Section 1, 2 and 3
- Article X

Public comment was provided by Lee Anne Burke, City Council Liaison, confirming that the intent of Article V Section 6 was not to require a vote to adjourn.

7. COMMISSIONER QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Commissioner Lippincott congratulated Ms. Eidem for a job well done at the National Night Out promoting the Comprehensive Plan.

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Pickus reported that for the 2023-2024 budget he is including a proposal for the Planning Commissioners to join the American Planning Association (APA), which will provide them the opportunity to keep up to date on planning issues and access to educational opportunities.

Mr. Pickus stated that at the next meeting the Commission will be discussing potential Comprehensive Plan policy amendments related to the North Lake, North Corner, and Central West subareas that are on the 2022 Final Docket. He stated the Commission will likely need two meetings of discussion before a public hearing could be held.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Approved this 7th day of September 2022.

By: s/s Eskridge

Commissioner Hank Eskridge, Chair