



City Manager's Friday Newsletter

Planning Commission Topics for August

The Snohomish Planning Commission is an advisory body, comprised of citizens appointed by the Mayor, that reviews and makes recommendations to the City Council on land use issues such as development code amendments and land use policies. The Planning Commission meets at 7:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. On August 7, the Planning Commission will discuss three agenda topics of potential interest to members of the community.

Signs in residential land use designations (zones).

The Snohomish Municipal Code regulates signage in residential areas differently from the signage in commercial areas. Within residential designations, public land uses, such as public schools, are granted greater latitude in the size and type of signs permitted than that for non-public uses. The Planning Commission is studying whether the current signage allowances (including electronic signs) for public land uses, such as public schools should be extended to churches and private schools. The Commission has been discussing this item since March. Preliminary recommendations will be incorporated in a draft ordinance for a public hearing before a final recommendation is made to the City Council.

Historic Business District residential density.

The *Historic Business District* is a land use designation that is a subset of the larger *Historic District*. The Historic Business District extends from Willow Avenue almost to Avenue E. Following a request made at a City Council meeting, the City Council directed the Planning Commission to study the feasibility and appropriateness of increasing the allowed residential density in the Historic Business District from the current maximum of 18 dwellings per acre to 40 dwellings per acre. The Planning Commission will begin its study as a high-level review of how the land use code amendment conforms to the City's vision for its future and to current City policies. As the initial request primarily concerned one parcel at the eastern end of the Historic Business District, other alternatives to achieve the same result for this property may be considered. Following this initial review, the Commission will make a

recommendation to the City Council on whether to proceed with the work program. This is the Commission's first review of this item.

Congregate care limits in the Single Family land use designation.

The Snohomish Municipal Code allows certain land uses in Single Family designations that are considered to be conditionally compatible with a single-family neighborhood context. These uses include group quarters, such as dormitories, and assisted care facilities. The City Council directed the Planning Commission to evaluate whether additional restrictions on these uses are appropriate to limit the scale and number of residents in such facilities. This is the Commission's first review of this item.

Planning Commission meetings are typically held at the School District Resource Services Center at 1601 Avenue D. Meetings are open to the public and opportunities are provided for citizens to express their opinions on agenda topics or other land use concerns. Public speakers are typically limited to three minutes. The published agenda for the August 7 Planning Commission meeting will be available on the City's website on Friday, August 2.

Upcoming City Council Agenda Items

August 6:

- Action for adoption of an interlocal agreement regarding affordable housing
- Action regarding a proposed temporary removal of enforcement of permit parking
- Action to authorize the circulation of petitions for the 16th Street Annexation

The agenda list above is partial and tentative. For further information, click here for the City website:

<http://www.ci.snohomish.wa.us/Agendas.htm#CITY COUNCIL AGENDAS>

July 26, 2013

www.ci.snohomish.wa.us

Snohomish Garden Tour - Sunday, July 28

The Snohomish Garden Club will present its 28th Annual Garden Tour on **Sunday, July 28, 2013 from noon until 5:00 p.m.**

Eight featured urban and suburban gardens, many of which have never been open to the public before, will be located in and around historic Snohomish. The wrist band tickets and event programs will give the addresses of the gardens and basic directions to those gardens. Besides enjoying an afternoon of pleasant wandering through gardens tour attendees can count on coming away with lots of good ideas and inspiration for their own gardens.

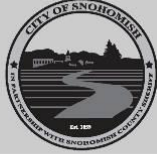
The ticket price is \$12. Children 13 and under may take the tour free of charge and do not need a wrist band ticket. Tickets will be available at these Snohomish locations: Annie's on First; Curly Willow; Joyworks; Kusler's; McAuliffe's Valley Nursery; Machias Nursery; and McDaniel's Do It Center.

On the day of the tour, tickets will be for sale at the Snohomish Senior Center at 506 Fourth Street **starting at 10:30.** **The tour, however, will not begin until noon.** There will also be sales of plants and raffle tickets at the event. *Due to the nature of some of the smaller gardens strollers, wheel chairs, and walkers are discouraged from going to those gardens. These will be indicated in the program.*

For more information, please visit <http://www.snohomishgardenclub.com/index.php/garden-tour>.

✧ ✧ **Calendar 2013** ✧ ✧

***No Meetings Scheduled
Next Week***



City of Snohomish Public Safety Commission

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“Citizens Public Safety Academy” September 10 to December 10, 2013

**Participants will receive interactive
instruction with various topics to include:**

**Crime Scene Investigation / Fire Prevention
Crime Prevention / Police Radio Communication
Natural Disaster Survival**



**Additionally there will be several demonstrations including
“Hands On” involvement with various resources to include:**

**Police K9 / SWAT / Wild Land Forest Fires / CPR / Marine Patrol
Search and Rescue / Disaster Planning**

This academy will be high paced with plenty of student participation.

**Applications are available at the Snohomish Police Department
or for additional information contact:**

**Deputy L. Cole
Larry.Cole@Snoco.org**

Application Deadline July 31, 2013



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THREE DAYS OF BLUES, JAZZ, FUNK



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