

Upcoming City Council Agenda Items

November 17, 2015

7:00 Regular Meeting:

- [Public Hearing](#) on Ordinance 2293 to adopt 2016 City Manager recommended budget
- [Discussion](#) regarding police 3rd quarter report
- [Discussion](#) regarding cell tower regulations
- [Discussion](#) regarding unnamed right-of-way vacation request

The agenda list above is partial and tentative. For further information, click here for the City website: <http://www.snohomishwa.gov/AgendaCenter/City-Council-Agendas-1>

Citizens Invited to Apply for Open Government Committee

Snohomish residents and business owners are invited to apply to join a new ad hoc committee designed to create improvements to the City's open government programs.

The seven-member committee will begin meeting mid-January 2016 with the goal of creating a comprehensive plan for improved two-way communications between citizens and City officials. A post card about the application process was sent recently to all households in the City and applications are due to back to the City by November 18, 2015.

"This is about taking the practice of open government to the next level," said Snohomish Mayor Karen Guzak. "The City Council recognizes that it can be challenging for citizens to have meaningful participation in their city government. The goal of this new committee is to find ways to more effectively exchange information and encourage our citizens to participate in City decision-making in ways that have a positive impact on our community."

The committee is expected to meet at least once per month for six to eight months, with a facilitator assisting the committee in working through various ideas to improve the ways citizens access information about and contribute their ideas for their local government's policies and decisions.

Meetings are expected to occur Monday evenings, and applications to join the committee are available at the City's website: <http://snohomishwa.gov/233/Open-Government>. Citizens selected for the committee are expected to be notified in December. Selected committee members will be receiving a packet of reading materials regarding current best practices in open government programs as a starting point for the group's discussions.

"We're aiming to select a diverse group of citizens, demographically, geographically and ethnically, so that we create a truly representative committee capable of providing the best recommendations to our City Council at the end of this process," said Guzak. "We do not expect committee members to have experience working with our local government but are seeking individuals who can assist us in finding the most effective, feasible and efficient ways to improve the public's access to their government."

The recommendations of the committee will be transmitted directly to the City Council at the end of the group's meeting process.

November 6, 2015

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Applicants Sought for Snohomish Parks and Recreation Board

Applicants are being sought to fill a vacancy on the City of Snohomish Parks and Recreation Board. The applications are due to the City Clerk by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 20th, at City Hall, 116 Union Avenue in Snohomish.

The Parks and Recreation Board member term runs for three years. The Board advises the City Council regarding rules and regulations for the governance and management of all parks, and makes recommendations on policy and fiscal matters related to parks and recreation programs.

Desired qualifications for board members include an expertise in one or more of the fields of parks, sports, recreation programs and/or environmental preservation. Members must live within the City's urban growth area. All City board and commission members are volunteers serving without compensation.

Applications are available at City Hall and may also be downloaded from the City website: www.ci.snohomish.wa.us using the link "Forms/Applications" for Miscellaneous City Forms.

Carnegie Foundation Art Auction

Participate in a live and silent auction at the Carnegie on Saturday, November 14th. The silent auction opens at 3:00 p.m. and the live auction starts at 4:00 p.m. at the Carnegie Library building, 105 Cedar Avenue, Snohomish.

Frederick J. Lighter was an educational and environmental consultant specializing in non-profit organizations. He was consultant for the Snohomish Carnegie Foundation since its inception.

Fred passed away in July, 2015. His impact on the Foundation's work is enormous and he went beyond the work of a consultant and became one of our most avid and enthusiastic supporters of the mission to rehabilitate the Carnegie Library building and its grounds. He will be missed. Fred had one last wish with regard to the foundation's mission; he donated his art collection to the foundation with the sole purpose to raise funds for this project. With such generosity, his spirit will live on and serve as inspiration to move forward with our mission, and to one day soon, see the *Snohomish Carnegie Education Center, A Place for Families* come to life.

Fred had a passion for the arts, particularly live tragedian Shakespeare theater. He attended the Ashland Shakespeare Festival for 20 plus years. In addition to Shakespeare, he was an avid collector of art, always interested in Native American art, quality local artists, and contemporary pieces. In other words, his was a very diverse and eclectic collection. For more information on the collection, please visit <http://www.snohomishcarnegie.org/items.aspx>

This October the Foundation had a work party and painted the inside of the Carnegie's main (upper) floor. The Foundation wants to thank our local *Sherwin-Williams* paint store at 602 Second Street, Snohomish, for their generous donation of the paint.

Highlighted Land Use Applications in Process

The applications listed below are currently pending or under review. During the comment period associated with a development proposal, interested parties may submit comments for the project record. For additional information on any of these projects, the project file may be reviewed at City Hall during normal business hours. Staff is also available to respond to questions at the contact information below.

Brandvold Critical Area Variance to construct two single family homes: 302 Cedar Avenue
File #11-14-VAR
Pending Hearing Examiner's Decision. Public hearing was held November 5, 2015.
More information: contact staff
Staff contact: Brooke Eidem, Associate Planner, 360-282-3167, eidem@snohomishWA.gov

Posey Short Plat (two-lot short plat): 1706 Seventh Street
File #19-15-SP
Complete application determination issued October 6, 2015.
Notice of Application issued October 16, 2015.
Pending Administrative Approval.
More information: contact staff
Staff contact: Brooke Eidem, Associate Planner, 360-282-3167, eidem@snohomishWA.gov

Cady Landing Pedestrian Bridge: 40 Maple Avenue
File #21-15-SEPA
Pending SEPA Threshold Determination – **APPLICATION IS ON HOLD**
More information: contact staff
Staff contact: Brooke Eidem, Associate Planner, 360-282-3167, eidem@snohomishWA.gov

For a complete list of all land use and development projects currently in review, please visit the City's website. <http://www.snohomishwa.gov/DocumentCenter/Home/View/2376>

2015 Calendar:

Public Safety Commission Meeting

Tuesday, November 10
Regular Meeting 5:00 pm
Fire District 4 Training Annex
1525 Avenue D

Veterans Day

Wednesday, November 11
CITY HALL CLOSED