

PLANNING COMMISSION

SUMMARY MINUTES

October 26, 2020

APPROVED AS WRITTEN



Darin Hand, Chair

APPROVED WITH NOTED
CORRECTIONS

Chair

**ISLAND COUNTY
SUMMARY MINUTES
COMMISSIONER’S HEARING ROOM, COUPEVILLE, WA
OCTOBER 26, 2020**

	Members Present	Members Absent
District 1	Kristen Stavros	
	Margaret Andersen, Vice Chair	
	William Criswell	
District 2	Darin Hand, Chair	
	Joseph Busig	
		Wendy Shingleton
District 3	Beth Munson	
		Tracy Hunsaker-Gilroy

Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Darin Hand, Chair.
(Recording timestamp: 0:00/1:13:17)

ROLL CALL:

(Recording timestamp: 0:31/1:13:17)

Beth Munson, Kristen Stavros, Margaret Anderson, William Criswell, Joseph Busig, Darin Hand

Planning & Community Development Staff Present:

Meredith Penny, Long Range Planner; Grant Johnson, Associate Planner, Jonathan Lange, Planning Manager

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chair Hand initiated approval of minutes. Vice Chair Andersen moved to approve the minutes for September 14, 2020. Commissioner Stavros seconded the approval. Approval of minutes passed.

(Recording timestamp: 2:26/1:13:17)

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC (not on the agenda) Holly Toll made comment to previous communications made by Island County to alert the public about public hearing dates, and information. Penny responded to her concerns.

(Recording timestamp: 3:33/1:13:17)

DIRECTOR’S REPORT - None.

(Recording timestamp: 8:54/1:13:17)

PUBLIC HEARING (Recording timestamp: 9:05/1:13:17)

Chair Hand explained the reason for the public hearing indicating that the purpose of the hearing is to consider recommendations to the Board of Island County Commissioners to amend the Island County Comprehensive Plan and adding Section 2A – Clinton Gateway Analysis as a subsection to the Economic Development Plan.

Chair Hand turned the meeting over to Meredith Penny, who summarized with a brief overview of what was discussed at last week's meeting, the comments; the questions presented by the Planning Commission, the follow-up discussions conducted with WSDOT in regards to lane reduction, and maintenance involved. Penny also outlined the purpose of the current meeting, its contents, and the categories of discussion. (Recording timestamp: 9:25/1:13:17)

Chair Hand redirected the meeting for discussion and comments to the Planning Commission. (Recording timestamp: 9:32/1:13:17)

Discussion ensued regarding the Bridge-to-Boat trail and the portion which would fall in Clinton, implementation actions which might be included on the 2021 work plan, concerns about traffic calming, and Kingston as a good example of a ferry-based gateway.

Chair Hand opened the hearing to the public for comments. (Recording timestamp: 32:08/1:13:17)

Christina Swan, Clinton resident and Clinton Community Council member; made a comment regarding the trail, and how it may affect Clinton's Economic Development. (Recording timestamp: 32:44/1:13:17)

Doug Hofius, Clinton resident, and President of the Clinton Community Council; also made a comment regarding the trail, and how he believes it would also benefit the Economic Development of the area. (Recording timestamp: 34:58/1:13:17)

Chair Hand opened discussion on Vice Chair Andersen's comment on the Findings of Fact. (Recording timestamp: 36:55/1:13:17)

Vice Chair Andersen questioned whether contact with WSDOT be considered a Findings of Fact to indicate that it needs to be done, or has been done in some limited way, or is being planned as part of the Gateway Analysis.

Penny indicated that there doesn't appear to be any harm to indicate that some coordination with WSDOT has been done in regards to projects and improvements along Clinton and the Highway, and that the Planning Commission finds it is important to continue the work. Penny reiterated that it is the Planning Commission's "Finding of Facts".

Discussion ensued with respect to contacts made with organizations such as WSDOT, and whether an amendment needs to be added to the Findings of Fact in regards to such contacts.

Penny asked if the Findings of Fact can be approved with the pretense that an addition will be included.

Vice Chair moved to accept an additional Finding # 15 to the Findings of Fact that addresses the conversations and progress with WSDOT regarding the Gateway Plan. (Recording timestamp: 47:29/1:13:17)

Commissioner Busig seconded the motion made by Vice Chair Andersen. Motion Carried.

Chair Hand entertained a motion to adopt the Findings of Fact with the amendment as stated in the previous motion.

(Recording timestamp: 48:27/1:13:17)

Commissioner Busig proposed the motion to adopt the Findings of Fact as amended. Vice Chair Andersen seconded. Findings of Fact Approved.

(Recording timestamp: 49:00/1:13:17)

Planning Commission went on to discuss the 2021 Proposed Docket and Work plan Items with Penny explaining in detail the items included, and processes involved.

(Recording timestamp: 50:31/1:13:17)

Chair Hand asked if there was any plan to have a joint session between the Board of County Commissioners and the Planning Commission and suggested one for the first quarter of 2021.

(Recording timestamp: 1:10:49/1:13:17)

Commissioner Andersen, motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Munson, seconded the motion. Motion carried. (Recording timestamp: 1:12:41/1:13:17)

Meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Lourdes Shuart