

MINUTES

Lacey Planning Commission Meeting
Tuesday, February 16, 2021 – 5:00 p.m.
Conducted remotely via videoconference

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Dave Wasson.

Planning Commission members present: Dave Wasson, Gail Madden, Peg Evans-Brown, Daphne Retzlaff, Shaunesy Behrens, Eddie Bishop, and Robin Vasquez. Staff present: Ryan Andrews, Rick Walk, and Jessica Brandt.

Dave noted a quorum present.

Robin Vasquez made a motion, seconded by Daphne Retzlaff, to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting and the February 2 meeting minutes. All were in favor, the motion carried.

1. **Public Comments:** None.

2. **Commission Members Reports:**

- Peg Evans-Brown reported on her attendance at the last tree committee meeting.
- Shaunesy Behrens shared an article regarding the climate emergency declaration mitigation plan.
- Robin Vasquez said she was questioned regarding the tree regulations in northeast Lacey in relation to new construction and preserving the tree cover. She also thanked Lacey for their response to the snow storm.
- Gail also thanked Lacey for clearing roads so quickly.

3. **Director's Report:**

- Rick Walk said he can speak with Robin more in depth later regarding her question on the tree regulations in relation to the northeast Lacey area construction, and gave a brief overview on the past history.
- Rick went over the agenda items for the next Council meeting, discussed a Lacey MakerSpace grant application, and noted that the Community Workgroup on Homelessness virtual open house kicked off yesterday and gave a brief overview.

4. **New Business:**

Regional Climate Mitigation Plan: Jessica Brandt, Associate Planner.

- Jessica Brandt gave a presentation on the Plan which included an introduction, history, goals, actions, public outreach, phases of the plans, implementation, the list of actions, and Planning Commission's role.
- Jessica asked Commissioners to discuss public outreach methods. Some of the suggestions and discussions included holding a virtual open house, a Panorama panel discussion on the Plan in May that should reach a lot of people, utilizing neighborhood meetings and getting the word out to organizations that hold meetings, reaching out to faith communities, business communities, school boards, HOAs, multi-family communities and other areas that don't belong to a HOA.
- Ryan suggested that we come up with a way to make sure we get meaningful feedback and discuss what our expectations are for the feedback we do receive. It was suggested that we use targeted questions for each organization and offer a survey. It was noted that Council has expressed concerns about reaching out to more Lacey residents.
- Further suggestions and discussion included that we try to pinpoint a couple targeted items and tailor them to different demographics, reaching more diverse groups with surveys and the difficulties caused by the pandemic to reach out in person, the challenges of language barriers, utility bill inserts, the importance of taking into consideration that people are busy and we should try to keep the outreach simple, putting info in ethnic grocery stores, enlisting Meals on Wheels by putting an insert in with each meal, sharing with the public the impact they have, advertising on busses (Jessica noted that busses

no longer display advertising), utilizing the College Street banner, placing advertising on City vehicles, and advertising near electric vehicle charging stations. Rick discussed some other public outreach platforms that the City is looking into.

- Commission asked again for public comments. Wayne suggested that we look at longer term outreach since it is an ongoing issue; and making a game/challenge out of lowering carbon footprints. Georgina noted that TCMP is less confusing than regional CMP and reiterated the importance of public outreach.

5. **Communications and Announcements:** None.

6. **Next meeting:** March 2, 2021.

7. **Adjournment:** 6:20 p.m.