



**PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
February 2, 2022  
Virtual Meeting via ZOOM  
6000 Main Street SW, Lakewood, WA 98499**

**Call to Order**

Mr. Don Daniels, Chair called the ZOOM meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Planning Commission Members Present: Don Daniels, Chair; Paul Wagemann, Ryan Pearson, Phillip Combs, Brian Parsons, and Linn Larsen

Planning Commission Members Excused: None

Commission Members Absent: None

Staff Present: David Bugher, ACM, Director of Community and Economic Development Department, Tiffany Speir, Long Range & Strategic Planning Manager; and Karen Devereaux, Administrative Assistant

Council Liaison: Paul Bocchi (present)

The Community Services Advisory Board members were invited to attend the meeting and Ms. Sarah Yamamoto was present to represent those members.

**Approval of Minutes**

**The minutes of the meeting held on January 19, 2022 were approved as written by voice vote M/S/C Wagemann/Pearson. The motion carried, 5 - 0.** (Mr. Linn Larsen arrived after draft minutes' approval vote).

**Agenda Updates**

None

**Public Comments**

This meeting was held virtually to comply with Governor Inslee's Emergency Proclamations 20-28 and its addendums. No public comments were received.

**Public Hearings**

None

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

2022 Annual Housing Action Plan and Review of Lakewood Housing Programs

Mr. David Bugher reported that each year the Community and Economic Development Department publishes its own annual housing report. There is no specific requirement for this report, but housing plays a key issue regarding Lakewood's future. Most of the department's resources are spent on housing. Mr. Bugher explained that housing has been and will continue to be one of the departments primary assignments. The content of the report changes from year to year.

This year's report provided information on the following topics of Lakewood and Area Population and Commuting; Lakewood Income and Poverty Characteristics; Housing Market Conditions; Lakewood Housing Production; Housing Assistance Programs and Partnerships; Availability of Low Income and Subsidized Housing; Housing Plans and Policies; Special Report on Mobile

Home Parks; Environmental Factors Affecting Housing; Why Do We Have Problems With Housing Production; and How Do We Fix This – Or Can We?

Mr. Bugher added that Lakewood has been working to address issues affecting housing availability and affordability since incorporation. It was noted that looking forward, there is need to continue to reduce infrastructure deficiencies, to preserve existing affordable housing where possible, and to encourage new missing middle housing through policy, incentive, and regulation. These efforts will be affected by market forces, regional growth and economic trends, and climate change's effects on land use. The City must also continue to implement its policies to assist its most vulnerable residents.

#### **Report from Council Liaison**

Councilmember Mr. Paul Bocchi updated commissioners on the following topics:

- City Councilmembers Bocchi, Farmer and Anderson have review 36 applications for the Tree Preservation Code Ad Hoc Committee. They are missing 2 positions from the qualified consensus tracks and are recruiting candidates but have made progress in putting that committee together.

#### **Reports from Commission Members and Staff**

##### Future Planning Commission Agenda Topics

03/16/2022: Shoreline Master Plan and Restoration Program Presentation

04/02/2022: Comprehensive Plan Amendments; and

LMC Titles 18A and 18C Parking Presentation (Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket Item 2022-07)

**Next Regular Meeting** would be held on March 16, 2022.

**Meeting Adjourned** at 7:57 p.m.



Don Daniels, Chair  
Planning Commission 03/02/2022



Karen Devereaux, Recording Secretary  
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