



**Lakewood Planning Commission  
November 15, 2023  
Meeting Minutes**

**MEETING PLACE/DATE**

Lakewood City Hall (6000 Main St SW, Lakewood, WA) / November 15, 2023.

**WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Don Daniels, Chair called the hybrid ZOOM meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Planning Commission Members Present:** Don Daniels, Chair; Ryan Pearson, Vice-Chair; Robert Estrada, Paul Wagemann, Linn Larsen and Philip Combs

**Planning Commission Members Excused:** Brian Parsons

**Staff:** Tiffany Speir, Long Range & Strategic Planning Manager; and Karen Devereaux, Administrative Assistant

**Youth Council Liaison:** None in attendance

**Council Liaison:** Councilmember Paul Bocchi (not present)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**The minutes of the meeting held on November 1, 2023 was approved by voice vote 6-0 as written. M/S/C Larsen/Wagemann.**

**AGENDA UPDATES**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Sue Carlson, President of Carp Lake Improvement Association, stated she and the 42 property owners around the lake have growing concerns about the levels of water and believe the impervious surfaces from the sidewalk improvements and ground vault installations to manage the surface and ground water all around Lake City are part of the problem.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Continued Discussion regarding City Parking and Regulation**

The Planning Commission continued its discussion regarding current City parking policy compared to the new parking restrictions adopted by State Legislature per E2SHB 1110 (allowing middle housing in single family areas) and EHB 1337 (allowing accessory dwelling units in all zones that allow single family homes.) Ms. Speir shared

that much of the City's rights-of-way are less than 60' wide and are unable to accommodate any, or additional, heavy on-street parking.

Commissioners discussed their perspectives and initial recommendations regarding parking policy, which are summarized below. These would be revisited and refined into a recommendation to the City Council in late spring 2024 as part of the larger Comprehensive Plan Periodic Review package:

- allow on street parking in residential areas;
- consider adopting street designs in residential areas with less than 60 feet ROW that allow for on street parking and emergency access but are not necessarily the same design as streets with 60+ feet ROW;
- ensure that delivery vehicles can travel through residential areas where on-street parking may be allowed;
- expand shared parking programs and options;
- require public and private investment in residential on-street parking;
- establish funding for residential and commercial on-street parking (e.g., parking permits, parking meters, and/or code enforcement fees); and
- regularly revisit parking policies and regulations (e.g., every 2 years) to ensure they are requiring and allowing the City's desired outcomes.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### *Data regarding Climate Change / Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Lakewood*

Ms. Tiffany Speir reviewed progress to this point on implementing the 2021 Energy & Climate Change Element (ECCE) of the Comprehensive Plan and the 2022 adopted 3-Year Work Plan to begin implementation of the action items from the ECCE.

Ms. Speir explained state bill E2SHB 1181 that significantly changed the Growth Management Act, adding requirements to plan for climate change resiliency and greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reductions in 2023. As a result, Lakewood would be reopening its ECCE during the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Review to acknowledge its intent to fully update the element by the 2029 and 2034 deadlines established in E2SHB 1181.

## **REPORTS**

**Council Liaison Comments** None.

### **City Staff Comments**


Ms. Speir reviewed the upcoming meetings schedule with Commissioners. The last meeting of this year would be December 6, 2023.

Ms. Speir acknowledged that the December meeting would be the last for Commissioner Don Daniels as well as potentially for Commissioner Brian Parsons, Ryan Pearson, and Paul Wagemann.

**Commission Members Comments** None.

**NEXT MEETING** would be held as a hybrid in-person/ZOOM meeting on Wednesday, December 6, 2023. The December 20th meeting was cancelled. The Planning Commission would reconvene on January 3, 2024.

**ADJOURNMENT** Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

  
Don Daniels, Chair      12/06/2023

  
Karen Devereaux, Clerk      12/06/2023