



WASHINGTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION (PC) MINUTES OF WED., JUNE 16, 2021

ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS ARE RECORDED

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - 6:30 p.m. Zoom virtual meeting
The meeting was called to order by Chair Lockwood.

2. **ROLL CALL**

PC Members Present: Blake Dye, Deborah Lockwood, Jeff Petrillo, Sushmita Poddar (left at approximately 6:45 p.m.), Benjamin Stadelman, and Matt Wellner; Absent: Mark Havener

Staff Present: Stephen Roberts, Director of Land Use & Transportation (LUT), Andy Back, Manager of Planning and Development Services (PDS); Theresa Cherniak, Kim Armstrong, Todd Borkowitz, and Susan Aguilar, Long Range Planning (LRP); Jacquilyn Saito-Moore, County Counsel

3. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

LUT Director Stephen Roberts addressed comments made by several PC members at recent meetings that negatively affected another PC member. He acknowledged that insufficient immediate action was taken by the County in response, but that the County is committed to doing better going forward. Director Roberts specifically thanked some PC members for their efforts to remedy and divert the conversation at the time. He also highlighted the Board's equity resolution and commitment to creating a more inclusive culture that values and celebrates the diversity of Washington County residents and shared that the County is at the early stages of implementing the equity resolution. Director Roberts also stated that guidance for staff and PC members is being sought from the Office of Equity, Inclusion and Community Engagement, and that training for staff and PC members will occur in the near future to help achieve the County's equity goals.

Updates - Andy Back, Manager of PDS

- The appointment process for the two Districts 1 PC positions continues. The Board will discuss candidates in its July 20 Work Session and is expected to make appointments soon after.
- The Board is anticipated to adopt the final version of the 2021-22 LRP Work Program on June 22. The staff report for that meeting is now available on the Board's website. There were several changes based on public input, Board input, and further review of staffing levels.
- Former PC member Anthony Mills was acknowledged for his seven years of service on the PC.

Upcoming PC Meetings

- July 7 (day) – recommend canceling
- July 21 (night) – TBD

PC Discussion

- A question about changes made to the LRP Work Program.
- Commentary that the County’s response to comments made at recent PC meetings was insufficient and its acknowledgment of former PC member Anthony Mills was inappropriate.
 - In response, the PC opted to take a 10-minute break. Upon reconvening, Chair Lockwood, Director Roberts, and some PC members discussed the commentary and how best to proceed for the evening. PC Member Poddar left the meeting.
 - PC Member Stadelman moved to adjourn. PC Member Petrillo seconded the motion, then later moved to amend the motion to consider only Oral Communications and housekeeping for future PC meetings before adjourning for the day. PC Member Wellner seconded the amendment to the motion, but PC Member Petrillo then withdrew the amendment, therefore the vote was on the original motion to adjourn. **Vote: 1 – 3 – 1. Motion failed.**

Yes: Stadelman; **No:** Lockwood, Petrillo, and Wellner; **Abstained:** Dye

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Amy Johnson expressed concern that staff’s acknowledgement of former PC member Mills and the PC’s decision to continue the meeting after PC member Poddar left the meeting were disrespectful, and noted her belief that racism is happening in PC meetings. Ms. Johnson also indicated her support for PC member Poddar and the prior request for an indigenous lands’ acknowledgement at the start of PC meetings.
- Red Wortham expressed support for PC member Poddar and her addressing inappropriate and racist comments made at past PC meetings and communicated disappointment in perceived County inaction and in the PC for continuing the meeting.

Written comments received

- Kevin Teater shared that he was “disheartened and frustrated” by the comments made at a past PC meeting that were “out of line, racist and traumatizing.” He applauded the leadership of PC member Poddar and criticized staff’s acknowledgement of former PC member Mills.

5. WORK SESSION

a. House Bill (HB) 2001 Implementation Economic Analysis and Market Feasibility Study final report

Theresa Cherniak, Principal Community Planner and Kim Armstrong, Senior Planner with the LRP Community Planning group, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Economic Analysis and Market Feasibility Study final report, including an overview of HB 2001 provisions, minimum compliance defined by Oregon Administrative Rules, project timeline, feasibility analysis, recommendations, next steps, and PC/public involvement.

PC Discussion and Comments

- A comment that single-family housing should not be regulated more to match current County regulations for middle housing; instead, regulations for middle housing should be consistent with current regulations for single family housing.
- A reminder to staff to be mindful of HB 2001 goals for equity, affordability, and accessibility, and be innovative in implementation to encourage a diversity of housing types.

- A comment that the County should perform outreach to underrepresented populations and consider creating a “blue ribbon” committee of housing design and building professionals to advise in technical details.

b. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- **March 17, 2021**

Commissioner minutes. **Vote: 5 – 0 (unanimous). Motion passed.**

Yes: Dye, Lockwood, Petrillo, Stadelman, and Wellner

- **April 21, 2021**

Commissioner minutes. **Vote: 5 – 0 (unanimous). Motion passed.**

Yes: Dye, Lockwood, Petrillo, Stadelman, and Wellner

- Chair Dye motioned to cancel the July 7, 2021 PC meeting. Mr. Petrillo seconded the motion. **Vote: 5 – 0 (unanimous). Motion Passed.**

Yes: Dye, Lockwood, Petrillo, Stadelman, and Wellner

c. PC COMMUNICATION

- Thank you to Jacquilyn Saito-Moore, Breanna Jackson, and Director Roberts for facilitating the June 2, 2021 PC training.
- Comment that Chair Lockwood and Vice Chair Dye should coordinate with staff on scheduling a follow up training for PC members facilitated again by Breanna Jackson.

d. ADJOURN - 8:39 p.m.

Chair Lockwood
Washington County Planning Commission

Andy Back, Secretary
Washington County Planning Commission

Minutes approved this _____ day of _____, 2021
Submitted by LRP Staff