

**CITY OF CONNELL, WASHINGTON
MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

April 30, 2018

The meeting of the Connell Planning Commission was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commission Chairman Roger Bailie, Commission Members Vangi Ellwein, Robert Misener, and Bruce Blackwell.
ABSENT: Jay Patel
STAFF: City Administrator Maria Peña, Building Services Clerk Sterling Joyner, Fire Chief Chris Schulte
VISITORS: James Ferguson, Stacy Ferguson

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Commission member Misener moved to accept December 11, 2017 minutes as written. Commission member Blackwell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR DEVIATION

City Administrator Maria Peña reported that a deviation request was received from Stacy and James Ferguson requesting a deviation from the requirement on Short Plat No. 2009-04 lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 for the 20 foot fire access road and 120 foot hammerhead access to lots 3 and 4. Instead the Fergusons were requesting to put in a 10 foot gravel access thru road. Administrator Peña advised that a deviation request could not override a short plat and therefore the Fergusons would need to go through the process of filling a new short plat to amend the existing one. Fire Chief Schulte discussed the need for fire suppression and made suggestions that could be worked into a new short plat.

Administrator Peña stated that the City was currently working on an update to the Comprehensive Plan. It would be appropriate for the Planning Commission to have a discussion in regards to any changes they desired to be made to the future extension of Ford Avenue. The requirement of the Ford Ave. extension had been cost prohibitive in developing lots running alongside HW 395. Short Plat No. 2009-04 did provide for an alternative requiring the construction of the Ford Ave. extension in regards to those specific lots. Other areas affected by this requirement were also discussed. Changes would need to be included in the six year transportation improvement plan.

PRESENTATION OF CURRENT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

City Administrator Maria Peña presented the current City of Connell Comprehensive Plan to the Planning Commission. Staff members and the Planning Commission shared ideas on how to

improve street development as well as bike trail development. The current comprehensive plan included asphalt addition to North Burke Ave. just North of East Franklin St. The Planning Commission Chairman Roger Bailie and Administrator Peña agreed there are safety concerns to think about before developing that area. Administrator Peña mentioned building a bridge over the City of Connell undeveloped land from South Burke Ave. crossing East Birch St. and connecting to South Burke Ave. on the Northern side of the City. The Planning Commission agreed to have that added to the comprehensive plan.

OTHER BUSINESS

City Administrator Maria Peña spoke to the Planning Commission about the December 11, 2017 Planning Commission minutes that were presented to the Council. The Council did not approve Ordinance No. 986-2018 regarding storage containers because the Connell Municipal Code (CMC) did not mention civil infraction, although Council agreed that violation to the CMC should incur a civil infraction. Administrator Peña stated that the CMC had inconsistencies with the term “misdemeanors,” and would add civil infraction to the CMC.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Ivan Barragan, Assistant Secretary to Planning Commission