

City of Poulsbo

PLANNING COMMISSION

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

MINUTES

Members Present

James Thayer (JT), Bob Nordnes (BN), Ray Stevens (RS), Gordon Hanson (GH), Jim Coleman (JC), Shane Skelley (SS), Kate Nunes (KN)

Members Absent

Staff

Karla Boughton (KB), Diane Lenius (DL), Helen Wytko (HW)

1. Call to Order
2. Flag Salute
3. Approval of Minutes – Thayer/Nordnes KN Abstain April 5th, GH JC March 29
4. Modifications to Agenda – None.
5. Comments from Citizens – regarding items not on the agenda – NONE
6. Public Hearing
Draft PMC Title 14.04 Transportation Concurrency
Staff: Lenius

Chair opened the public hearing.

Poulsbo Municipal Code Title 14.04 Transportation Concurrency – DL began the public hearing with a short presentation summarizing the April 11, 2016 memo issued from engineering staff. DL went over the proposed modifications from the original transportation concurrency ordinance. Section 14.04.20 minor edits to definitions. One substantial modification: Section 14.04.40 deletion of majority of section because not necessary. (14.04.70b and 14.04.100b). Discussion ensued on what happens when there is a level of service F and there is no structural improvement available.

DL explained that staff initially recommended exempting these intersections, but after questions from the Planning Commission, staff determined there are other situations that could help improve – such as transportation demand management.

SS: The improvements are not limited to those?

DL: Correct.

BN: On the one with the level F, what if all those have been done, and there is nothing that can be done. Is nothing okay?

DL: Yes.

RS: Questions for staff?

No additional questions from the Planning Commission.

RS: Close the public hearing and open public meeting.

JT: Move to recommend approval to City Council the Planning Commission Modified Draft Title 14.04.

All in favor; approved unanimously.

7. Comments from Citizens: None

8. Commissioner Comments

RS: Sandwich board sign

KB passed on the complaint to the Mayor. She ordered another sign sweep of the SR 305 corridor. The more they get ordered, every time there is an education where a business owner realized they need a permit. We have a couple businesses contact us and it gives us an opportunity to let them know about the permit.

KN: I understand parks committee had update on Noll Road

DL: We had update to parks on the engineering projects that are impacting non motorized transportation, and update on the Liberty Bay Waterfront Trail and the proposed SR305 park and ride.

KN: Anything of general interest?

DL: We are applying for grants from Storhoff to Noll. It is become an \$8 million project. We competed for a park and ride facility for 150 parking stalls at Johnson Way. We will hear in June. Competed for design and right of way acquisition for Noll Road. Engineering had an open house with more than 50 attendees in January. We have also met with the County's non motorized committee. Shared at SR305 with non motorized groups in Kitsap County there was a push for a tunnel under 305.

KB: Update on Morrow Manor. Parks Director is applying for a RCO grant for park development, and City Council has authorized funding for the park design. Morrow Manor will have a number of pieces of funding. Community fundraising has been mostly for DV transitional housing.

JC: I understand there was an open house concerning Martha and Mary structure.

KB: I understand that there was a meeting on Friday. The applicant is having meetings

with the different Poulsbo Place Homeowner's Associations to talk about the MP amendment. It is a pending application. The project will come before PC and City Council. The project is currently on hold because they are considering redesigning of elements. Height, bulk and scale are of concern. The application proposes 45ft average height limit and 70% lot coverage. The application is still at the beginning - at step one.

JC: Will it be coming this year?

KB: The applicant submitted it and then wanted to make changes. Still figuring out what they want to do. It includes the corner of Jensen and Sunset, and a "dogleg" parcel behind the post office. We will consider it a new application with new NOA and tech staff review.

JC: Do you have any schedule for rest of the year?

KB: No, the comp plan is behind schedule but that will be coming to PC. The comp plan amendments are strategic in amendments, and still needs to go in front of you.

BN: We have done a disservice to the farmers market putting them where they are at. I enjoyed it where it was. Too crowded, too plugged up.

KB: I encourage you to go to go to farmer market board of directors with that comment. They were evicted from their previous location. They were given 60 days notice to find a new spot and they came to the City, and the Mayor brainstormed where they could go temporarily. The Poulsbo Farmers Market Board of Directors got a Temporary Use Permit for one year. They want to stay on the east side of town and close to downtown. They were reluctant to go to Viking Ave. We have received numerous complaints.

BN: I remembered allowing temporary use, I didn't realize that there was eviction. Maybe what will be the City's role in it further down the road. You look at farmers markets elsewhere, and cities' take action in it and always put them in a nice spot. Not looking like it is working where it is at.

KB: If any of you have suggestions, I am happy to pass it along to the board. They do come to the City when they are in dire-straits. We believe they are an important part of our community and we are supportive of the market.

BN: I hope we are looking at securing property going forward. I hope we go down that road and secure for future.

KB: Once they get on their feet this year, it is my understanding that they will initiate the process to identify permanent sites.

JC: Viking Fest that is really going to be a tough with the farmers market.

GH: What about locating at the Albertsons parking lot?

KB: The farmers market would like to be close to downtown.

SS: What is wrong with waterfront park?

KB: It is difficult to close Anderson Parkway every Saturday for a farmers market.

BN: The farmer market are in control of their own destiny.

KB: They are non profit. It is difficult for the City to buy a piece of land for them. We have to be careful how you craft that and not overstep gift of public funds.

BN: As we grow as a city, we have provided lots of parks and swingsets. We need a good multipurpose area where a farmers market could be part of.

KB: I do think that is true. Except everyone wants to be downtown.

RS: Any other comments

9. Adjourned 7:30 pm



Ray Stevens
Chairman, Poulsbo Planning Commission