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| white salmon logo | **CITY OF WHITE SALMON**  **Planning Commission Meeting - Wednesday, April 10, 2019**  **DRAFT** |

**COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT**

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|  | **Commission Members:**  David Lindley  Anne Medenbach  Tom Stevenson  Ross Henry | **Staff Present:**  Pat Munyan, City Administrator  Ken Woodrich, City Attorney  Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer |

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL**

Planning Commissioner Chairman David Lindley called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

1. **MINUTES OF RECORD**
2. Minutes of March 27, 2019.

Moved by Tom Stevenson, seconded by Ross Henry.

Motion to approve minutes of March 27, 2019. CARRIED 4 – 0

1. **CITY VISION AND GOALS**

Jan Brending provided an overview of the status of developing a city vision and goals as related to the city’s comprehensive plan update. She said staff is seeking direction from the Planning Commission as to how they would like to proceed. Brending said staff provided a rough draft of vision and goals for the Planning Commission’s use. She said staff is prepared to develop a Request for Proposals if the Planning Commission desires to hire a consultant to work with them and the public on developing the vision.

Tom Stevenson said he would like to hire Steve Faust to assist the Planning Commission with visioning,

The Planning Commission and staff discussed how the city could hire Steve Faust to assist with visioning.

Jan Brending said staff will contact BergerABAM to see if they are able to add Steve Faust to their team and include visioning in the BergerABAM scope of work.

The Planning Commission asked that the draft critical areas ordinance be sent to them when it is sent to agencies for comment. In addition, the Planning Commission asked for a copy of a letter from Washington Department of Transportation regarding the Jewett Blvd. proposed improvements.

The Planning Commission discussed the vision of the city as it relates to updating the comprehensive plan.

Tom Stevenson said he sees the vision as some kind of framework for the comprehensive plan.

Anne Medenbach said she would like the consultant to provide information to the Planning Commission as to how to frame the vision. She said she feels that some of the elements will drive the vision and feels it is important to talk about priorities among the plan elements. Medenbach said the densities and village feel of White Salmon are important but what does that mean – is it the green components, density, type of buildings, etc. She said White Salmon is a town surrounded by a rural area. Medenbach asked “does White Salmon want higher density level outside of the town or within the town.” She said she feels it is important to understand what is liked about White Salmon. Medenbach said parks and recreation and transportation are big issues.

Ross Henry does not want to spend a lot of time reworking something we already have. He said he does not think looking at whether the vision needs to be change is serving the community. Henry said he also would like to rank priorities and set in motion an attainable goal. He said he would like the vision language to speak to the City of White Salmon and then get feedback from the community. Henry said the things that are important to him are the buildable lands update and developing a joint management agreement with Klickitat County.

Tom Stevenson said that Steve Faust can help0 determine what the citizens like about White Salmon. He said that he likes the fact that White Salmon has not changed very much over the years. Stevenson said there is a defined downtown, defined neighborhoods. He said he would like to see zoning constrain sprawl. Stevenson said he agrees that the current vision is not specific enough to the City of White Salmon. He said he feels it is important to maintain the small town village feel of White Salmon. Stevenson said the city cannot grow beyond the urban exempt area.

Henry said the idea of a village speaks to him which is where the community gets to know each other, interacts and meets with each other. He said he does not see that in jeopardy. Henry said there needs to be unity and cohesiveness between the city and county regarding development in the urban exempt area. He said the type of development that is currently occurring in the urban exempt area is not representative of White Salmon.

Dave Lindley said he agrees with the idea of a village fee of White Salmon. He said he sees the town center with things spreading out from there.

**4. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE**

The Planning Commission said they will send their prioritizations of the comprehensive plan elements to Jan Brending by Friday, April 12 so that the overall ranking can be included in the scope of work that BergerABAM is preparing.

**5.** **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 PM.

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| David Lindley, Chairman | Erika Castro Guzman, Associate Planner |