



CITY OF WHITE SALMON
Planning Commission Meeting - Wednesday, February 24, 2021

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Commission Members:

Greg Hohensee, Chair Pro Temp
Michael Morneault
Tom Stevenson
Seth Gilchrist (Zoomed in at 5:31 p.m.)
Ross Henry (Phoned in at 6:00 p.m.)

Staff:

Erika Castro Guzman, City Associate Planner
Jan Brending, City Clerk-Treasurer

Consultant:

Scott Keillor, WSP Senior Land Use Planner
Ethan Spoo, WSP Senior Land Use Planner

CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL

Greg Hohensee, Chair Pro Temp, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Four audience members were attending by teleconference. A quorum of planning commissioner members was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Comments on the Draft Elements for the Comprehensive Plan were received by the following:
 - White Salmon Cohousing, In-side City Limits, White Salmon, WA
 - Barbara Beattie, In-side City Limits, White Salmon, WA
 - Allan Beattie Jr., In-side City Limits, White Salmon, WA
 - Janet Holen, In-side City Limits, White Salmon, WA
 - Ruth Olin, In-side City Limits, White Salmon, WA

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. **Presentation and Discussion of Draft Elements**

a. **History and Historic Places**

WSP Consultants, Scott Keillor and Ethan Spoo, reviewed the comprehensive plan status, its organizational plan and presented the History and Historic Places draft element.

Commissioner Morneault requested clarification of the timeline. Senior Planner Spoo clarified BPE (Before the Present Era) is equivalent to BC (Before Christ), stated he would follow up to straighten the timeline with a sub-consultant.

Commissioner Gilchrist requested clarification to H-P 1.5; Wondered how broad it spoke. Specifically, if it meant to include digitalization and making available documents related to the City's growth, i.e. when certain land was incorporated into the city when certain developments happened. Senior Planner Spoo refers to H-P 1.1 and suggests the city may in the future hire an architectural historian and an archaeologist to document where the resources are and may also be useful for staff to be kept on file.

Commissioner Stevenson stated that a common and brief understanding of the area's history is beneficial to have, but caution of being too specific might hinder future development.

Chair Pro Temp Hohensee directed his question to staff and its capacity to realistically budget and timely enact policies and goals. Clerk-Treasurer Brending stated that stakeholders assist with the recording. She said the goals and policies are on-going projects and staff will prioritize the regulated policies by adopting ordinances.

Commissioner Henry stated that the History and Historic Places element did not require a lot of time in previous discussions.

Commissioners discussed the Comprehensive's plan timeline and upcoming workshops and public hearings.

b. Transportation

Staff presented the Transportation draft element. It was identified that these elements need very little work but still require minor updates and upper administration review. Staff summarized the transportation background and its two goals.

c. Public Facilities and Services

Staff presented the Public Facilities and Services draft element. It was identified that these elements need very little work but still require minor updates and upper administration review. Staff summarized the public facilities and services background and its one goal.

d. Capital Improvement Program

Staff presented the Capital Improvement Program draft element. It was identified that these elements need very little work but still require minor updates and upper administration review. Staff summarized the capital improvement program background and its one goal.

Staff will send out the four draft elements presented for comments.

3. Comprehensive Plan Update Workshop

a. Environmental Quality and Critical Areas Element

Commissioners reviewed each comment and responded to its applicability to the comprehensive plan, policy, or table for a code interpretation conversation. Further included discussion of wordsmithing and clarification.

Commissioners tabled the Economic Element, Parks and Recreation Element, and the History and Historic Places Element comment and discussion review to the following meeting.

Staff will be doing the initial editing on tonight's consensus before the consultants provide language and clarification on the items discussed by the commissioners.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

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Greg Hohensee, Chairman Pro Temp



Erika Castro Guzman, Associate Planner