

1 **CITY OF NORTH BEND PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

2 Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 7:00 PM

3 City Hall Conference Room,

4 211 Main Avenue North, North Bend, WA 98045

5 *Please Note: A complete audio recording of this meeting is available on the City of North Bend website,*
6 www.northbendwa.gov, under Commissions - Planning Commission - Meeting Audio.

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8 **CALL TO ORDER**

9 The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

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11 **ROLL CALL**

12 Planning Commissioners present: Bruce Bjorklund, Brenden Elwood, Gary Fancher, Scott Lee, Jim Luckey, Rob
13 McFarland (Chair), and Piper Muoio. City Staff present: Mike McCarty, Senior Planner; Gina Estep, Community
14 & Economic Development Director; Ron Garrow, Public Works Director.

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16 **AGENDA ITEM #2 – PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (LIMITED TO 3**
17 **MINUTES PER PERSON)**

18 Chair McFarland asked if anyone would like to make comment on any non-agenda item. No one offered any
19 comment on non-agenda items.

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21 **AGENDA ITEM #3 – MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 8, 2011 PLANNING COMMISSION**
22 **MEETING**

23 Chair McFarland asked if there was a motion to approve the Minutes from the December 8, 2011 Planning
24 Commission Meeting. There were no comments or corrections to the Minutes offered. The Minutes were
25 approved, 7:0.

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27 **AGENDA ITEM #4 – TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT – PRIORITIZED PROJECT LIST**

28 Ron Garrow briefed the Commissioners and guests present on the draft updates to the Transportation Element of
29 the Comprehensive Plan, including the recommended Capital Improvement Projects list. There was a discussion
30 on this agenda item, including questions and answers, between the Commissioners and city staff.

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32 There was discussion between the Commissioners and city staff regarding opening SE Fifth Street to Orchard
33 Drive SE.

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35 Chair McFarland motioned to remove the barricade from SE Fifth Street to allow access through to Orchard Drive
36 SE. Commissioner Luckey seconded the motion. Chair McFarland asked for any discussion. None was offered.
37 The motion was approved, 7:0.

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39 Mr. McCarty mentioned the possibility of a pedestrian connection between the street terminus of Meadow Drive
40 SE and the City-owned lot on SE Tenth Street, currently blocked by a fence without a gate. There was discussion
41 of this blockage. Commissioner Luckey motioned to recommend removal of the fence from the rear of the City
42 lot on SE Tenth Street to allow pedestrian access through to Meadow Drive SE. Commissioner Fancher seconded
43 the motion. Chair McFarland asked for any discussion. None was offered. The motion was approved, 7:0. Staff
44 stated that they would add this as a project on the Capital Improvement Projects List of the Transportation
45 Element.

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47 There was discussion between the Commissioners and city staff concerning the proposed round-about at Middle
48 Fork Road and 468th Ave. SE on the Capital Improvement Projects list.

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50 There was continued discussion of the Transportation Element and prioritized projects on the Capital
51 Improvement Projects list, including questions and answers, between the Commissioners and city staff.

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2 There was discussion on the Planning Commission’s previous December 8, 2011 recommendation to Council that
3 they coordinate a task force, including regional members, for the Truck Town area.
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5 Commissioner Fancher motioned to move line item 28 on the Suggested CIP list “Roundabout at Middle Fork
6 Road/468th Ave. SE Intersection” to follow line item 26, and re-prioritize this item from 6th to 10th in priority.
7 Commissioner Luckey seconded the motion. Chair McFarland asked for any staff comment. None was offered.
8 The motion was approved, 7:0.
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10 Chair McFarland opened this agenda item up for public comment, limited to three minutes per person.

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12 Sherwood B. Korssjoen, 13710 – 461st Place SE, North Bend, WA 98045, made comment.

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14 Dave Church (no address given) made comment.

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16 Cathy Buchet (no spelling on first or last name given; no address given) from Cascade Sierra Solutions made
17 comment.
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19 **AGENDA ITEM #5 – TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT – DRAFT POLICY REVISIONS**

20 Gina Estep briefed the Commissioners on draft policy revisions, and distributed comments received from
21 Commissioner Fancher. Ms. Estep suggested going through page by page of the Goals, Objectives and Policies of
22 the Transportation Element. Chair McFarland agreed with Ms. Estep’s suggestion.
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24 Chair McFarland led the Planning Commission and city staff through the Goals, Objectives and Policies of the
25 Transportation Element page by page, asking for comments from Commissioners or city staff.
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27 Commissioner Lee suggested: Page 3, Objective 01.3, changing design *requirements* to design *standards*. Staff
28 agreed to this suggestion.
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30 Commissioner Lee suggested: Page 4, Objective 01.3, striking section P1.3.2. There was discussion of the
31 suggested edit. There was a consensus to agree to this suggestion.
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33 There was discussion of Page 5, Objective 01.4, Policy P1.4.3. Commissioner Fancher suggested keeping the
34 first sentence, but revising the second sentence to read: “When unavoidable, the length of a dead end street should
35 be limited.” There was a consensus to agree to this suggestion.
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37 Commissioner Luckey brought up discussion of Page 6, Objective 01.6. There was a consensus to add onto this
38 paragraph two additional agencies: the Si View Metropolitan Park District, and the Snoqualmie Valley School
39 District.
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41 Commissioner Fancher suggested: Page 6, Goal G2: Adding language to this paragraph to read: “*With the*
42 *recognition of the greater good, respect for the health of the citizens of North Bend and our world, we hereby seek*
43 *to implement transportation improvements that minimize their adverse impacts on public health, the natural*
44 *environment, air quality, and energy consumption.*” Mr. McCarty said that he would like to keep the language
45 more direct, and suggested deleting the language “...*we hereby seek to.*” There was discussion between the
46 Commissioners and staff concerning this suggested edit. Ms. Estep suggested that if air quality is called out in
47 this paragraph, that *water quality* should also be added. Commissioner Fancher said that he would agree to drop
48 the opening statement. Chair McFarland restated the edit for this section, and that it should now read:
49 “Implement transportation improvements that minimize their adverse impacts on *public health*, the natural
50 environment, air quality, *water quality*, and energy consumption.” There was a consensus to agree to this
51 suggestion.
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53 Commissioner Fancher suggested: Page 7, adding an Objective 02.2, and adding Policies P2.2.1, P2.2.2, P2.2.3,
54 P2.2.4, P2.2.5, P2.2.6, P2.2.7, P2.2.8, P2.2.9, P2.2.10, P2.2.11, per draft amendments that he prepared that were
55 distributed to the Planning Commissioners at the meeting. The current Objective 02.2 would then become

1 Objective 02.3. There was discussion of Commissioner Fancher's proposed changes and additions. Chair
2 McFarland suggested that staff take these proposed edits by Commissioner Fancher and come back to the
3 Planning Commission with suggestions and any possible edits. Chair McFarland also said that he has problems
4 with specific geographic areas being called out, and that instead the policies should encompass the entire City of
5 North Bend. Commissioner Fancher suggested striking from his added section Objective 02.2.b the words "*at*
6 *Interstate 90 and exit 34*". There was no objection to Commissioner Fancher's edit. Commissioner Fancher also
7 suggested removing Policy 2.2.2. Ms. Estep said that perhaps the way to go is to have a city wide idling
8 ordinance prohibiting idling for more than five minutes. There was continued discussion of idling vehicles in
9 North Bend. Chair McFarland suggested that Commissioner Fancher's suggested edit to Objective 02.2 should
10 simply state "*Reduce the negative health effects of vehicle emissions*" and therefore to delete 02.2 a) and 02.2 b).
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12 Chair McFarland asked and received permission from the Commissioners to open the discussion of idling up to
13 include the public in attendance.
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15 Mr. Korssjoen made comment. No other public made comment at this time.
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17 Chair McFarland reviewed the proposed edits from Commissioner Fancher, and made the following statements:

- 18 - Policy P2.2.1: That's part of the ordinance so I would take that out.
- 19 - Policy P2.2.2: That's probably an item for the TIP, so I would take that out.
- 20 - Policy P2.2.3: That goes into the ordinance, so that comes out.
- 21 - Policy P2.2.4: Stays.
- 22 - Policy P2.2.5: Stays
- 23 - Policy P2.2.6: Stays.
- 24 - Policy P2.2.7: Chair McFarland said he does not know.

25 Chair McFarland reiterated that he would like city staff to look at these suggested edits from Commissioner
26 Fancher to change any wording if necessary and to ensure that they would work as intended.
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28 Chair McFarland continued with the page by page review from the original document of the Goals, Objectives
29 and Policies of the Transportation Element.
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31 Commissioner Lee suggested that on Page 7, Policy P3.1.1, replace the last word in the paragraph, "*market*" and
32 change it to read "*parking demand*". Staff agreed to this suggestion.
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34 Commissioner Lee stated that on Page 8, Policy P3.1.5, that if we have those numbers already for the pathways in
35 the street standards, we can get rid of the last sentence "*Clear pathways should be at least 5 feet wide and 8 feet*
36 *tall*". There was a consensus to agree to this suggestion.
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38 Ms. Estep said to Mr. McCarty that on Page 8, Policy P3.1.1, the word "*public*" should be deleted.
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40 Commissioner Luckey brought up Page 9, Policy P3.1.18 and the word "*only*" in this sentence. Commissioner
41 Luckey suggested changing the words "*only if*" to "*under the following conditions*".
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43 Commissioner Lee suggested that on Page 10, Policy P3.2.3, to add to this section something about maintenance
44 to keep the facilities clear for cyclists.
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46 Commissioner Lee suggested that on Page 12, Policy P4.1.12, to add the word "*train*" in front of the word
47 "*depot*".
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49 Commissioner Elwood asked about Page 13, Goal G6, and whether visual mitigation for traffic electrical boxes
50 could go in this section. Ms. Estep said that staff can put something together in this section to address that.
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52 Commissioner Fancher suggested adding to Page 15, Policy P6.4.5 the words "*and water quality*" to the end of
53 the sentence so that it would read "*air and water quality*".
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1 Commissioner Fancher discussed his suggested addition entitled "Interstate Trucking" and agreed to table this
2 new section until the next meeting.

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4 Commissioner Muoio wanted to discuss the idea that the Planning Commission should possibly meet more often.
5 There was a discussion of this subject among the Commissioners and city staff.

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7 Commissioner Luckey stated that the person preparing the Planning Commission agenda should have some
8 understanding of the time required for each topic, and that if this time period were to be put on the agenda, that it
9 would help to keep everyone focused.

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11 Mr. McCarty distributed to the Commissioners the Draft Floodplain Management Plan so they could review it for
12 the next Planning Commission meeting.

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14 **ADJOURNMENT:**
15 Chair McFarland asked if there was a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Fancher motioned to adjourn the
16 meeting; Commissioner Luckey seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:03 PM.

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18 **NEXT PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:**
19 The next Planning Commission meeting will be held January 26, 2012 at the City Hall Conference Room.

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25 Rob McFarland, Chair

Mike McCarty, City of North Bend