

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

2 Thursday, February 9, 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, Gary Fancher, Scott Lee, and Rob McFarland (Chair).

13 Commissioners Luckey, Muoio, and Elwood had notified staff that they would be unable to attend, and have been
14 excused from tonight's meeting. City Staff present: Mike McCarty, Senior Planner; Ron Garrow, Public Works
15 Director. Guest: Kris Liljelblad, Perteet Engineering

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

19 Chair McFarland asked if anyone would like to make comment on any non-agenda item. Sherwood Korssjoen,
20 13710 – 461st Place SE, North Bend 98045, offered comment and distributed to the Commissioners and city staff
21 two packets of information, one from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources website, and the
22 other related to chaining trucks, truck town and trucking. Mr. Korssjoen also made verbal comment.

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24 No other comments were offered on non-agenda items.

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26 **AGENDA ITEM #3 – MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 26, 2012 PLANNING COMMISSION**
27 **MEETING**

28 Chair McFarland asked if there was a motion to approve the Minutes from the January 26, 2012 Planning
29 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Fancher motioned to Approve the Minutes; Commissioner Bjorklund
30 seconded the Motion. There were no comments or corrections to the Minutes offered. The Minutes were
31 Approved, 4:0.

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33 **AGENDA ITEM #4 – INFORMATIONAL FOLLOW-UP ON PLANNING COMMISSION**
34 **RECOMMEDATIONS TO COUNCIL (5 MINUTES)**

35 **a. Truck Town Transportation Issues Citizen Task Force**

36 **b. Opening of SE 5th Street to Orchard Drive**

37 Ron Garrow gave an overview to the Commissioners and guests present on two issues covered by the City
38 Council at their retreat. The first was the recommendation from the Planning Commission to the City Council to
39 open up SE 5th Street to Orchard Drive. Mr. Garrow said that there was one Councilmember who was adamantly
40 opposed to opening this street, and that there were no other comments made on this issue by the remaining
41 Councilmembers. Mr. Garrow recommended to the Commissioners that the Planning Commission keep this item
42 on their list of project recommendations. The second issue covered by the City Council at their retreat was the
43 Citizen Task Force. Mr. Garrow said that the City Council recognized the issues of truck movement in the truck
44 town area; however, the Council feels this is an issue of a more regional nature, and the City Council does not
45 necessarily want to take the lead on this issue, and therefore they are not inclined to fund the task force. Mr.
46 Garrow suggested that if the Planning Commission still wants to recommend the task force to the Council, the
47 Planning Commission should keep their recommendation of creating a task force on their list of project
48 recommendations to the City Council.

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50 Mike McCarty said that the City Council did want to take up the idling ordinance at their March 6, 2012
51 Workshop, and Mike McCarty distributed to the Commissioners a notice of this workshop.

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2 **AGENDA ITEM #5 – TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT UPDATE (1 HOUR)**

3 Mr. McCarty briefed the Commissioners and guests on the edits to the Transportation Element and said that
4 tonight it will be opened up for discussion. Mr. McCarty said that action or recommendation on this Element will
5 not be done at tonight's meeting, as there are still some policy edits which will be brought to the Planning
6 Commission at the next meeting, and then there will be a Public Hearing held on March 8, 2012. Following that,
7 the Planning Commission may make a recommendation.
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9 Kris Liljeblad, from Perteet Engineering, spoke and apologized for the content sent to the Commissioners which
10 was incomplete due to a technical tract-change issue, and said that he will provide the remainder of the draft to the
11 Commissioners for their next meeting. Mr. Liljeblad gave a power point presentation of the overall content,
12 scope of edits, traffic volume changes over time and the implications, and recommendations to date for the
13 Transportation Element.
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15 During Mr. Liljeblad's presentation, there was an ongoing discussion, including questions and answers, between
16 the Commissioners, Mr. Liljeblad, and city staff concerning the Transportation Element.
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18 Mr. McCarty asked Mr. Garrow whether the city has stripping for bike routes on the Transportation Improvement
19 Projects list. Mr. Garrow answered no.
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21 Mr. McCarty said that John Day had submitted comment via email, and he suggested the city add a trail route that
22 would come across the back of the Tannerwood property, up to the Segale property, and then connect back to the
23 river area. As part of John Days Homes second phase at the Tannerwood Development, they will be dedicating a
24 corridor for a trail. Mr. McCarty said that an update to the Trail Map would go in tandem with an update to the
25 Trail Plan Map in the Parks Element as well.
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27 Mr. Liljeblad suggested that the chapters in the Transportation Element be re-ordered (put in a different order).
28 Mr. Liljeblad also discussed the future schedule of events for the Transportation Element.
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30 There was continued discussion, including questions and answers, between the Commissioners, Mr. Liljeblad, and
31 city staff concerning the Transportation Element.
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33 Mr. McCarty asked Chair McFarland to email him with any grammatical changes or edits.
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35 There was continued discussion, including questions and answers, between the Commissioners, Mr. Liljeblad, and
36 city staff concerning the Transportation Element. The Commissioners discussed their views of the Transportation
37 Element and the Transportation Improvement Projects, and provided suggested edits to city staff.
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39 Commissioner Fancher made a motion for the city to enact sufficient code changes to align with the vehicle chain
40 requirements of WAC 204-24-050 based on the public comments received tonight. Commissioner Lee seconded
41 the Motion. Chair McFarland asked for discussion of this motion. Commissioner Fancher explained his rationale
42 for making this motion. Chair McFarland said that having just now received this (language of the WAC
43 provisions), he does not feel he has enough information to support the motion. There was discussion of this
44 motion between the Commissioners and city staff. Chair McFarland said that before the Commission moves on to
45 vote on this motion, we should open the subject up for public discussion. Mr. Korssjoen made comment.
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47 Chair McFarland asked Commissioner Fancher to restate his motion. Commissioner Fancher restated his motion
48 for the city to enact sufficient code changes to align with vehicle chain requirements similar to WAC 204-24-050.
49 Chair McFarland called for those in favor. Three Commissioners voted to Approve the Motion. Chair McFarland
50 did not ask for those opposed, and no opposition to the motion was expressed during the vote. The Motion is
51 Approved, 3:0 (McFarland did not vote).
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53 There was continued discussion between the Commissioners, Mr. Liljeblad, and city staff concerning the
54 Transportation Element. Mr. McCarty asked that if any of the Commissioners have any grammatical or

1 formatting edits regarding the policies to send them to him, and any changes to the Transportation Element plan,
2 to send them to Mr. Liljeblad at krisl@perteet.com.

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4 **AGENDA ITEM #6 – FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE – POSSIBLE**
5 **PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION (1 HOUR)**

6 There was discussion between Chair McFarland, Mr. McCarty, and Mr. Garrow concerning this agenda item. Mr.
7 Garrow said that it would be OK to postpone this agenda item to the next Planning Commission meeting.

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9 Mr. Korssjoen asked Chair McFarland about the Planning Commission procedures for citizen comments.

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11 Commissioner Fancher asked about a letter he had received from somebody at the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency
12 and also from somebody from the Department of Ecology in support of some of the policies that Commissioner
13 Fancher had written in the Transportation Plan, and whether to include them as an official comment. Mr.
14 McCarty agreed with Commissioner Fancher that he should forward them on to the full Planning Commission.

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16 **ADJOURNMENT:**

17 Chair McFarland asked if there was a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Lee motioned to adjourn the meeting;
18 Commissioner Fancher seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

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20 **NEXT PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:**

21 The next Planning Commission meeting will be held February 23, 2012 at the City Hall Conference Room.

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27 Rob McFarland, Chair

Mike McCarty, City of North Bend