

**PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**MEETING**  
**MARCH 13, 2018**  
**7:00 PM**  
**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

**Commissioner Cruger** called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. FLAG SALUTE:**

**Commissioner Cruger** led the Planning Commission, Staff and Audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**3. ROLL CALL:**

Planning Commission  
Commissioner Frederick Cruger – Present  
Commissioner Chris Marsh – Present  
Commissioner Scott Morrison – Present  
Commissioner Ron Stephenson – Present  
Commissioner Sean Duncan – Present

City Staff  
Becky Aiken, Deputy City Clerk  
  
Consultants  
Ray Sturtz - Community Planning Services

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2018**

**Commissioner Marsh** moved to approve the Minutes of February 13, 2018. Commissioner Stephenson seconded.

Minutes clarified to reflect #6A was the amended item H.

Motion carried.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS – NON ACTION ITEMS**

No one was present to discuss any Agenda items.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. 2019 Shoreline Master Program Update Scope of Work – Recommendation to City Council.**

**Consultant Planner Sturtz** reviewed the 2019 Shoreline Master Program Update Scope of Work – Recommendation to City Council.

**Consultant Planner Sturtz** briefly discussed the Scope of Work and mentioned they were also passed along to the Department of Ecology Planner who also had no comments.

**Commissioner Cruger**, Consultant Planner Sturtz and other Commissioners conversed on the topic of the bridge replacement (at the falls) on Mt. Loop Hwy including:

- Tourist attraction
  - New bridge location will wipe out parking at the fish ladder
- Stillaguamish input
- SEPA impacts including safety and environmental factors
- Adding a walking area (observation deck) under new bridge
- Commissioner Cruger submitted his suggestions to the County a year ago
- Place this item on the City Council Agenda
  - Get a copy of the site plan or other information from the County
  - Have the City Council send a recommendation (letter or proclamation) to the County of our concerns and solutions
- Parking area across the street and ownership (Miller property)

**Commissioner Stephenson** moved to recommend the approval Scope of Work as presented in Exhibit 1. Commissioner Morrison seconded. Motion carried.

## **B. 2019 Shoreline Master Program Update Public Participation Plan – Recommendation to City Council**

**Consultant Planner Sturtz** discussed the 2018 Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations Annual Docket List recommendation and pointed out it follows Ecology's format. He also confirmed the attached Exhibit 1 list is the current agency list.

**Commissioner Marsh** moved the Planning Commission recommend the City Council approve the 2019 SMP Update Public Participation Plan as presented in Exhibit 1. Commissioner Duncan seconded. Motion carried.

## **C. Shoreline Master Program Display/Handout Map – Review & Discussion**

**Consultant Planner Sturtz** reviewed the Shoreline Map and the two shoreline designations.

Received Frequently Asked Questions: Periodic Review of Shoreline Master Programs from Department of Ecology yesterday.

### Other items of concerns:

- Modification for County default bridge = develop as a recreational site with a walk and overlook

- Have handout for public regarding update
- Send out notice in utility bills inviting people to attend the open house on April 10, 2018
- Invite planner from Department of Ecology
- Highway 9 bridge and petition for old bridge to remain
- “Save our Bridge” campaign – Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) interest?
- Food truck location area
- Have aerials available for April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting (current aerial of area)
- Planning Commission consensus to have this added as an item on the next Agenda

## 7. CURRENT BUSINESS

There were not Current Business items for the Agenda.

## 8. REPORTS:

### A. City Clerk Staff Report Dated February 21, 2018

There were no staff report questions.

### B. March 5, 2018 Email from Chad Yunge at the Department of Ecology

Mr. Yunge is the designated City of Granite Falls’ Shoreline Planner from the Department of Ecology. He will be present at the open house meeting to answer questions.

Homework items are:

- Review the questionnaire
- Review the Public Participation Plan and see if anything additional comes up

**Commissioner Cruger** asked about perusing the bridge and if it requires placing in the SMP

### C. Homework

Shoreline Master Program Workbook – use to mark-up (binder copy)

**Consultant Planner Sturtz** reviewed the binders and its contents

**Consultant Planner Sturtz** gave an update on development permits, mobile home park (possible docket amendment), Trinity public hearing and preliminary plat approval, and amendment to duplexes also approved by Hearing Examiner.

**A. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Commissioner Cruger** discussed receiving forest service correspondence recommending going through final approval to allow the Stillaguamish Tribe to install a number of dams and both active and passive filters for the Gold Basin mud slide.

The forest service is working on re-opening Gold Basin campground.

Heritage Preservation Commission grant giving out \$200,000 from the commission and individual commissioners given \$25,000 each to fund a pet heritage project this year. The forest service is looking for grant money to help open the Silverton-Waldheim school camp. Commissioner Cruger asked Councilman Nehring to help fund this project of which he agreed to help give some of his funds, too.

**B. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Commissioner Cruger** adjourned the meeting.