

**CITY OF MONROE  
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES  
Monday, November 25, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Monroe Planning Commission was held on **Monday, November 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the City Hall Council Chambers at 806 West Main Street, Monroe, WA 98272.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Chair Tuttle** called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Planning Commission Secretary Leigh Anne Barr** called the roll.

**Commissioners Present:** Chair Tuttle, Vice-Chair Bull, Commissioner Rousey, Commissioner Jensen, Commissioner Fisher, Commissioner Silva and Commissioner Stanger.

**Staff Present:** Community Development Director Ben Swanson and Secretary Leigh Anne Barr

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

NONE

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

NONE

**PUBLIC HEARING**

NONE

**OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. Adopting Findings of Fact for the 2018 – 2019 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket (File Nos. CPA2018-A, CPA2018-B, and CPA2018-01)**

Community Development Director Ben Swanson reminded commissioners that we are here to review and adopt the findings of fact that were presented at the public hearing. Staff has revised the findings to reflect the commission's vote to reject the proposal. The reasoning for denial of the proposal were incorporated into the findings of fact. The reasoning for support provided to Staff will be included as exhibits in the packet that packet that will go to City Council along with the findings of fact.

Chair Tuttle took a recess from 7:08 p.m. to 7:13 p.m. for Planning Commissioners to review the responses by fellow commissioners and the revised findings of fact.

Director Swanson asked the Planning Commissioners if the findings of fact as presented are accurate or if they need to be revised.

The Commissioners discussed their views on the findings of fact, both for and against.

Commissioner Rousey made a motion that the Planning Commission adopt these Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, authorize the Planning Commission Chair to sign the Findings on behalf of the Commission, and recommend that the Monroe City Council approve proposed amendments CPA2018-A and CPA2018-B and deny proposed amendment CPA2018-01 to the 2015 – 2035 Comprehensive Plan included in the 2018 – 2019 amendment docket and associated rezone RZ2018-02. Motion seconded by Commissioner Fisher. Motion carried 4/3. Chair Tuttle, Commissioner Stanger and Vice-Chair Bull voted in opposition.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

NONE

### **DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF**

Secretary Leigh Anne Barr asked if the Commissioners would like to keep the regularly scheduled meeting on December 23, 2019. Director Swanson confirmed that there currently is not anything on the agenda that needs to be brought forward to the Commission. Commissioners agreed to cancel the meeting of December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Commissioner Stanger missed the last Parks Board meeting and inquired if the East County Parks District bond had passed. Commissioner Rousey stated the bond needed 60% to pass and Director Swanson confirmed the bond did not pass.

Commissioner Jensen asked about the old Albertsons building. Director Swanson noted the City's hasn't received any permits for the space but the applicants are still engaged.

Commissioner Rousey announced that the City has hired consultants to work on a gateway and wayfinding project for the City. Chair Tuttle and Commissioner Rousey discussed the goals for the project.

Commissioner Fisher gave an update on the Homelessness Policy Advisory Committee open house, which he estimated around 125 people attended. He also noted that the old concrete building on the west side of town is coming down. Director Swanson gave an update on the property known as Eastside Masonry.

Chair Tuttle announced there are several new businesses in downtown Monroe.

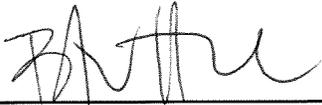
Community Member Tony Balk gave some background on the Cadman site and why they donated land for a City Park.

Commissioner Rousey announced she won her election to City Council. Commissioner Rousey will be resigning her Planning Commission seat on December 31, 2019. Director Swanson explained that the advanced notice Commissioner Rousey gave the City has allowed for interviews to be conducted. The city has a candidate in mind who will hopefully start on January 1, 2020.

There will be a Boards and Commissions Appreciation event on December 10, 2019 at 6:30pm at City Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Rousey made a motion to adjourn at 8:21p.m. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jensen. Motion carried 7/0.



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Bridgette Tuttle  
*Chair*



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Leigh Anne Barr  
*Planning Commission Secretary*