

**CITY OF MONROE  
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES  
March 10, 2014**

The meeting of the Monroe Planning Commission was scheduled for **March 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the City Hall Council Chambers at 806 West Main Street, Monroe, WA 98272.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Chairman Kristiansen** called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Secretary Christina Lavelle** called the roll. The following were:

**Present:** Commissioners Steve Jensen, Bridgette Tuttle, Bill Kristiansen, Wayne Rodland, Mike Stanger, Jeff Sherwood, Diann Duerksen.

**Staff Present**

Planning and Permitting Manager Paul Popelka and Planning Commission Secretary Christina Lavelle.

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. January 13, 2014

The minutes of the January 13, 2013 Planning Commission meeting were discussed for corrections. **Commissioner Sherwood** stated for the record that he and other Commission members objected to the layoff of Economic Development Manager Jeff Sax.

**Commissioner Rodland** moved to accept the January 13, 2014 minutes with changes requested by **Commissioner Sherwood**. Motion seconded by **Commissioner Stanger**. Motion carried 7/0.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**WORKSHOP**

**A. Presentation on Snohomish County Demographic Trends and Growth Targets**

A presentation of future trends in population growth and effects on future development; review of 2035 growth targets and Puget Sound Vision 2040.

**Manager Popelka** presented PowerPoint slides from a Snohomish County Tomorrow Meeting. Major points are summarized below:

- City and countywide policies follow the 2040 Regional Growth Strategy from Puget Sound Regional Council.
- Trend of aging population with baby boomers raising the average age; aging population will affect housing development, employment, population, transportation, etc.

- County projected to grow at the same rate as it has since 1985, based on net migration and natural increases. Decreasing births and increasing death rates will impact population growth with seniors moving in and the population aging in place.
- Elderly population in Snohomish County will more than double by 2035, leading to more people living in cities for convenience and medical access and decreasing demand for housing in unincorporated areas.
- Trends driven by an aging population:
  - Less demand for single family, greater demand for multi-family housing
  - Demand for age in place" housing (transition from single family to multi-family, assisted living, long term care).
  - Fewer cars, demand for transportation alternatives and walkable communities.
  - Aging labor force that remains active and is working longer.
- Changing household types and increasing non-traditional households, need for different housing types, i.e. more multi-family, less automobile use.

Commissioners discussed the information and differences in population projections for 2025 and 2035.

***B. Comprehensive Plan Amendment CPA2012-C 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update***

An update of the 2005-2025 Comprehensive Plan is now underway with completion planned in June 2015. This workshop will review the results of the first two public workshops and upcoming events.

**Manager Popelka** summarized upcoming meetings and workshops for the Citizen Advisory Committee including the transportation meetings and workshop March 26-27, parks workshop in late April and s a storefront studio downtown in late May.

**DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF**

**Manager Popelka** noted a Planning Short Course to be held in Arlington on May 14, and updated the Commission on advertising for an Associate Planner and details on current development projects and applications.

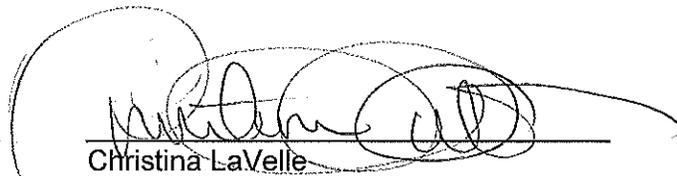
**ADJOURNMENT**

**Commissioner Sherwood** moved to adjourn the March 10, 2014 Planning Commission meeting. Motion seconded by **Commissioner Duerksen**. Motion carried 7/0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.



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Bill Kristiansen  
Chairman



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Christina LaVelle  
Planning Commission Secretary