

**Town of Eatonville
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
Monday, December 4, 2017
COMMUNITY CENTER
305 CENTER STREET WEST**

CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chairperson Justice called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: **Commissioners Justice, Knick, Miller and Bertoia.**

STAFF PRESENT: Abby Gribi, Scott Clark and Kerri Murphy.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Commissioner Bertoia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by **Commissioner Bertoia** motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by **Commissioner Miller**. AIF.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by **Commissioner Miller** to approve the August 7, 2017 minutes. Seconded by **Commissioner Knick**. AIF.

COMMUNICATIONS OR ANNOUCEMENTS

There were no comments from the commissioners or staff.

Daniel Adams, 229 Skylar Way announced that he had put in an application for a position on the planning commission.

Rick Adams, Elbe-asked what the time frame is for citizens to get their comments in to the commission.

Scott Clark explained that he can submit his comments any time prior to the public hearing. Tentatively, the public hearing is scheduled for January 16, 2018. (Tuesday)

Bob Thomas, 234 Allison – stated that the Comprehensive Plan is supposed to be created with the best available science on the WSDOT website. It does not bench mark off of Dept. of Transportation site. The Comprehensive Plan must be in compliance with the state. If land use guidelines are not followed, it is the #1 thing that kills airports....the residential uses. FAA addresses heights within the Airport Layout Plan. There is no income brought in from the airport to the town. No steps have been taken to develop the airstrip.

Rick Adams stated that the town needs to include the language to increase the understanding of land use surrounding the airstrip. The airport has potential.

Nancy Adams, Ashford – The town needs to have an updated Comprehensive Plan. The town needs to recruit people who live within town limits to be on the planning commission. Water rates are too high. She has a friend that wanted to put in a brewery but there was no current comp plan and the water rates were too high.

The amendment to the comprehensive plan for Swanson Field Airport was submitted at an earlier meeting and discussed this evening. The submittal has been entered into the record and added to these minutes. (Exhibit A)

COMPLETE DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW:

Scott Clark, Planner – went over several items within the Comprehensive Plan to explain several changes.

Commissioner Miller explained that he had read the Draft Comprehensive Plan and that he did not see anything that he felt needed to be addressed or changed. He added that he felt Mr. Clark had done a good job putting the Comprehensive Plan together.

Commissioner Bertoia explained that this was his last meeting. He was concerned that because Mr. Adams had been to the planning commission several times and had requested meeting with the commission he was disappointed that it never happened.

Economics: It was suggested by commissioners that the town have a theme and work on a marketing strategy. Town and the Chamber of Commerce need to work together.

Transportation: Look at possibly upgrading the railroad for commuter transportation. Bus service from Pierce Transit, encouraging a shuttle service.

Commission Miller motion to add a paragraph in the Transportation chapter to preserve the rail road right-of-way for possible future use to bring back transportation by rail.

Commissioner Knick seconded the motion. **AIF.**

Conservation lands – need goals and rules for land use by the public on these conservation lands.

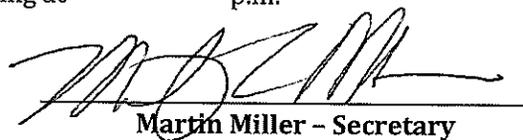
Mr. Clark explained that he is still gathering information on the bicycle and pedestrian trails. The town will also need to look at providing a more current traffic study for Eatonville.

Commissioner Miller said that the landslide area on the map seemed to all make sense. He suggested that wording be added into the Parks and Recreation that is consistent with preserving railroad right-of-way for possible future use.

Next meeting – To be discussed with the planner, Mr. Clark.

Co-Chairperson Justice adjourned the meeting at _____ p.m.


Chairperson Justice (Pro-Tem)


Martin Miller – Secretary

ATTEST:

Kerri Murphy, Recording Secretary