



## Planning Commission

# MINUTES

Thursday, August 26, 2021

Due to Governor Inslee's proclamation in response to COVID-19<sup>1</sup>, this Planning Commission meeting will be conducted in-person and remotely. Commissioners and the public will be in attendance in the City Council Chambers. Those wishing to participate remotely in the meeting will be able to use the Zoom link or call one of the numbers below. Unless specifically called upon during a public hearing, all callers will be muted during the meeting

**Masks: Per the new masking requirements issued by Governor Inslee on August 18, 2021, all audience members, City staff, and Commissioners will be required to wear a proper face covering during the entirety of the Planning Commission meeting. If you don't have a mask the City will provide one to you. If you are unable to wear a mask, you will be asked to participate in the meeting virtually through the link or phone number below.**

### 1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 PM

### 2. ROLL CALL:

COMMISSION MEMBERS: J Calvin Armerding, Kevin Owens, Jerry Marczynski, Jessica H. Stone PhD, Steve Hrutfiord, James Bring, Jennifer Plombon.

STAFF: Stacie Pratschner, Community Service Director; Stacy Clauson, Community Planner II; Alex Wenger, Economic Development and Tourism Coordinator; Ivonne Barnett, IT Specialist.

### 3. REVIEW MINUTES

- August 12, 2021

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BRING TO APPROVE AUGUST 12, 2021 MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STONE. APPROVED (UNANIMOUS WITH 2 ABSTENTIONS).**

### 4. PUBLIC HEARING

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to Governor Inslee's Proclamation No. 20-28, as amended, the City of Blaine will (a) provide an option for the public to attend the proceedings through, at minimum, telephonic access, and as well as electronic, internet or other means of remote access, and (b) provide the ability for all persons attending the meeting to hear each other at the same time.

- Chair Armerding opened the public hearing to accept public testimony on a request from City of Blaine for a Shoreline Substantial Development Permit to remove concrete debris and restore approximately 1,000 lineal feet of shoreline in Marine Park. The proposed improvements would include the construction of four headlands to supply beach sediment to four pocket beaches within the Project Area.
  - i. Staff presented project background and staff recommendation for Shoreline Substantial Development Permit Application (#2021060).
  - ii. Staff recommended approval of the Shoreline Substantial Development Permit and advised the Planning Commission on the following potential action options:
    1. Approve the Shoreline Substantial Development Permit with the findings and conditions of approval contained in the accompanying staff report.
    2. Approve the Shoreline Substantial Development Permit, with changes to the findings contained in the accompanying staff report and proposed conditions of approval, if applicable.
    3. Deny the Shoreline Substantial Development Permit, with findings.
    4. Continue the Planning Commission deliberation of the proposed Shoreline Substantial Development Permit to a date certain.
  - iii. The applicant, Alex Wenger, City of Blaine Economic Development and Tourism Coordinator, gave of an overview of the project and the work that has taken place at Marine Park over the last several years. Planning commission ask questions of the applicant.
  - iv. Planning commission deliberated on the request for Shoreline Substantial Development Permit.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER STONE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING PORTION OF THE MEETING. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER OWENS. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HRUTFIORD TO APPROVE SHORELINE SUBSTANTIAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT (2021060) WITH THE FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL CONTAINED IN THE ACCOMPANIED STAFF REPORT. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STONE. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

## 5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Planning Commission members discussed returning to virtual meetings while the State's mask mandate is in place.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER STONE RETURN TO VIRTUAL MEETINGS UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT THE STATE MASK MANDATE IS LIFTED. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARCZYNSKI. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## 6. Adjournment 6:52 PM.