

MINUTES OF THE CASHMERE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
MONDAY MARCH 4, 2024 6:00 PM

OPENING

The meeting began at 6:03 PM and Croci recorded the meeting minutes.

ATTENDANCE

Board:	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
	Zak Steigmeyer- Chair	
	Matthew Walgren– Vice Chair	
	John Torrence	
	Laura Redden	
	Erin Smart	

Staff: Director of Operations, Steve Croci  
Contract Planner from Perteet, Inc., Christina Wollman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES The February 5, 2024 meeting minutes were approved 5-0. Walgren motioned and Redden seconded.

CORRESPONDENCE Nothing new to report.

ANNOUNCEMENT & INFORMATION

Cashmere River View – Construction continues to make progress.

Freedom Hills – Construction continues on several of the lower lots.

Fruitful Place/Spears developments– Application process moving forward for single family homes, public hearings this month.

Planning Commission membership – Erin Smart is a new planning commissioner member. Still seeking a couple more members.

Planning short course – New PC members are encouraged to take the Planning Short Course offered by Washington Department of Commerce. Additional information is available at: <https://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/growth-management/short-course/>

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Recreational Vehicle Park code update  
Proposed changes approved by the planning commission last month for the recreational vehicle park code is in the review period with the Department of Commerce and SEPA. A public hearing is scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup> planning commission meeting.
2. Direction from City Council  
Steigmeyer, Redden and Croci attended the joint planning commission and city council meeting. Interest was expressed in looking at residential zoning which will be addressed in the next Comprehensive Land Use Plan (2025). The state will provide funding for that update. The council also indicated they support anything that supports business retention and development including expansion of the Urban Growth Area. Improving pathways is also supported. The Council did not provide any specific task for the planning commission to pursue.

Some good discussion occurred as to potential approaches so addressing direction from council. Wollman indicated grants are available to hire a consultant to complete a professional economic development study. Hiring an outside company will help set a vision as the current planning staff are limited in time and expertise with this level of planning.

Concern was expressed that land and property is not available to expand businesses within the city and some businesses left town because they are growing and had no where to relocate. The Port District represents a large landowner with infrastructure (water, sewer, electrical, roads and communication lines) in place and ready to develop. The city should work with the Port to help assist in developing their property.

Steigmeyer requested a Wenatchee city planner be invited to a planning commission meeting to provide insight on what code changes Wenatchee made which had the most beneficial impact to positive development for Wenatchee.

3. Topics for next meeting  
Public hearing for Recreational Vehicle Parks, Invite Wenatchee city planner