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Douglas County Planning Commission

ACTION MINUTES

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Meeting held via Zoom online meeting platform

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Michael Machado at 5:31 P.M.

Douglas County Planning Commission Members Present:

Tanya Davis, Michael Machado, Robert Knowles, Dan Beardslee, Molly Linville and David Dufenhorst

Douglas County Staff Present:

Land Services Director, Mark Botello
County Engineer, Aaron Simmons
Curtis Lillquist, Principal Planner

II. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

- a) Review minutes from the March 10, 2021 Planning Commission meeting.

Commissioner Molly Linville made a motion to approve the minutes.
Commissioner David Dufenhorst seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. CITIZEN COMMENT - None

IV. OLD BUSINESS - None

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a) A workshop for the planning commission to receive public comment on the proposed amendments to the Douglas County Shoreline Master Program for the required periodic review.

Principal Planner Lillquist and the consultant team from Anchor QEA gave a presentation reviewing the proposed changes to the shoreline master program resulting from the required periodic review.

Comment was received from the following members of the public:

- Eric Pentico, WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
- Larry Lehman

Pamela Kromholtz inquired if the proposed changes would have any effect on her ability to expand her deck on the water side of her home.

- b) A public hearing to consider amendments to DCC Title 12 Road Standards amending the Primitive Roads – Unopened Rights-of-way section

County Engineer Aaron Simmons gave a presentation of the April 1, 2021 staff report. The following findings and conclusions were entered into the record:

Findings of Fact:

1. Douglas County has adopted a Countywide Comprehensive Plan pursuant to the Growth Management Act (GMA) and RCW Chapter 36.70A, and a series of subarea plans for each municipality in the county. These plans have been found to be consistent with each other.
2. Amendments to Title 12 of the Douglas County Code and the SEPA threshold determination and supporting documentation were sent to the Washington State Department of Commerce, pursuant to RCW 36.70A.106, on October 22, 2019.
3. RCW Chapters 36.70 and 36.70A authorize the adoption of amendments the comprehensive plan and development regulations.
4. The Planning Commission is responsible for long range planning matters and providing implementation recommendations to assure compliance with the Growth Management Act.
5. WAC Chapter 51-54A-008 states that “The IFC shall become effective in all counties on 7/1/2016.”
6. RCW Chapter 19.27.110 states that “Each county government shall administer and enforce the IFC in unincorporated areas.”
7. RCW 36.86.020 states that “In the case of roads, the minimum width between shoulders shall be 14 feet with 8 feet of surfacing.”
8. DCC 15.08.010 adopts IFC, Appendix D, Fire Apparatus Access Road.”
9. DCC 15.24.030 states that “Fire apparatus access roads, when required, shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with Chapter 5 of the IFC.”
10. No comments have been received from agencies.
11. No comments have been received from private citizens.
12. The Planning Commission conducted an advertised public hearing on April 14, 2021. The Planning Commission entered into the record the files on this amendment, accepted public testimony, and deliberated the merits of the proposal.
13. The Planning Commission has reviewed the entire record including the goals and policies of the comprehensive plan and public testimony as it relates to the proposed development regulations.

Conclusions:

1. The procedural and substantive requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act, RCW 36.70A, and DCC Title 14 have been complied with.
2. The Douglas County Countywide Comprehensive Plan and development regulations are consistent with each other.
3. The Douglas County Comprehensive Plan and development regulations are consistent with the Growth Management Act, the Regional Policy Plan, and the adopted comprehensive plans for the cities and towns of Bridgeport, East Wenatchee, Mansfield, Rock Island, and Waterville.
4. Douglas County completed a review of the development regulations as needed to satisfy the requirements of RCW 36.70A.130.

No public comment was submitted during the hearing.

Commissioner Dan Beardslee moved to recommend approval of the amendments. Commissioner Robert Knowles seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 P.M.