

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**NOVEMBER 29, 2016**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Kelly Sorensen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Members present were: Kelly Sorensen, Annette Alt, Michael Chambers, Greg Becker, and Norm Stenberg. The members present constituted a quorum. Staff present was; Carol McLester, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer and RJ Lott as the contract planner from SCJ Alliance.

Public in attendance: Judy Bell, Joe Bell, Chuck Tudor, and Judy Tudor

**2. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 8, 2016**

Minutes were amended to note correction of misspelled word “Lastest” on page 2, item #5, to read “An update on the Entiat Historic Preservation Commission, Latest Meeting Notes”

**MOTION #1: Commissioner Norman Stenberg moved to approve the minutes as amended, Commissioner Annette Alt seconded.**

**ALL YEA, MOTION PASSED**

**3. PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED BUSINESS:**

None

**4. SCHEDULED BUSINESS:**

**a. An update on Entiat Historic Preservation Commission:**

Judy Bell stated the first thing Entiat Historic Preservation Commission is going to do, is to develop an inventory of historic resources. From that list, the people could become part of the register of historic places in Entiat but all properties are voluntary and are confirmed by City Council, the Commission simply recommends. From the City Register, properties could then go on the State or National Register with the thought that there was merit. I have talked to the City Building Inspector and he thought it would not be that difficult to add H-I for Historical Interest to anything that ended up on the Register. He would then notify us if a building permit for one of those Historic Properties was requested. He would not give the permit until we had a chance to discuss it.

Commissioner Alt: The question is being asked: Does it limit somebody's ability to develop their building or alter their building since they would have to wait for your approval?

Judy Bell stated that they would have to wait. They would be agreeing to that when they sign up.

Commissioner Becker: The question is being asked: Is there a plan to have some kind of a brochure or something that basically says; "This is what it means to be designated as a Historical Site, showing what all the benefits and limitations are"?

Judy Bell responded with a "Yes", that is part of what we agreed to do is advertise for the City.

Commissioner Becker stated he was uncomfortable with the term "prehistoric" because he would hate to see anything tied up for any length of time because it is designated "prehistoric" and could be an archeological dig or study along those lines.

Judy Bell responded by saying that they made the criteria that broad because you're going from prehistory on up to 50 years ago.

Commissioner Alt: The question is being asked: If somebody buys a historic building and decides as a new owner, they want to take it off of the registry, are they allowed to do that as a new owner?

Judy Bell said yes, they just have to write asking to be taken off.

Commissioner Chambers: The question is being asked: If a house goes on the register, do they get a tax savings?

Judy Bell stated that they could if they applied for it.

Commissioner Stenberg: The question is being asked: Are there any advantages for people putting their home on the register beside a tax savings or can they apply for grant money?

Judy Bell replied by saying she thinks that if they are doing a restoration, yes they could get a grant for design, not for building.

Commissioner Becker: The question is being asked: If an individual has a home in a Historical District, can he be forced to participate in that particular District?

Commissioner Chambers stated that he thinks what Commissioner Becker is saying; is there an escape clause where you can't force somebody to participate in this program?

Judy Bell said she would bring up the following issues to the Entiat Historic Preservation Commission.

Historic not Prehistoric

Totally Voluntary

Way of Opting Out Simplified

All the Planning Commissioners agreed.

After further discussion, it was decided; Planner RJ Lott would go to the Entiat City Council Meeting and report that the Planning Commission had several concerns. The consensus is, it does have merit but has not been fully researched.

**b. An update of the Waterfront Master Plan via Mark Hafs, open house.**

Planner RJ Lott stated Councilman John Alt and him met with Mark Hafs prior to the holiday. They met with him and his group at one of the engineering firms in Wenatchee trying to get an update for you guys as to where they are at and what they are doing. Planner RJ passed around a copy of one of the concepts for the waterfront. RJ stated that they had a variety of concepts that they are working on. John Alt and Planner RJ suggested that they hold an Open House. The Open House is going to be on December 21, 2016 at the Entiat Fire Station from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Hopefully that will get the ball rolling again because they have spent a lot of time and money on this.

Commissioner Alt stated that Mark Hafs has spent a lot of time and money on the north end development and did nothing on the south end until they were finally forced to stop.

Commissioner Chambers stated that after looking at the concept that was passed around, it still shows residential lots. He said that there was never supposed to be residential lots.

Planner RJ Lott stated the whole point of him and John meeting with them is, whatever direction they are going, is to get it going again. Not going anywhere is not doing any good, especially with all the money that has been spent. We need to get the ball rolling again!

**c. An update on the Waterfront Transition Zone, City Council level.**

Planner RJ Lott stated that it goes to the City Council workshop tomorrow at 1:00 pm. You are welcome to attend but there will not be any questions and answers. They are just going to go through it and I am going to explain what

we have worked on, your concerns, some of the vision ideas, some of the high contention points, and answer their questions.

**d. October 10, 2016, letter from WA Dept. of Commerce.**

Planner RJ Lott stated that the letter gives the Planning Commission 30 months to be able to complete the Comprehensive Plan the right way. We talked about workable, valuable documents; this is our chance to put one together.

**e. 2017 Workplan**

Planner RJ Lott stated his 2017 Work plan has already gone to the City Council; this is more of an informational for you guys. If you don't know what I do, this is what I can do for the City.

**5. UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS:**

Entiat Code Enforcement, Jim Brooks asked the Planning Commission their thoughts about allowing cargo containers in the City limits? Jim Brooks stated that there are currently 19 cargo containers located within the City limits. After much discussion the Planning Commission unanimously agreed to recommend to the City Council not to allow anymore cargo containers in the City Limits.

**6. VISITORS:**

None

**7. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: \*HOLIDAY PLANS\***

The next Planning Commission meeting will be held on December 13, 2016. There will be only one scheduled meeting in the month of December.

**8. ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair, Kelly Sorensen adjourned the meeting at 9:12 pm.