

MINUTES

Lacey Planning Commission Meeting
Tuesday, August 20, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.
Lacey City Hall Council Chambers, 420 College Street SE

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Paul Enns.

Planning Commission members present: Paul Enns, Daphne Retzlaff, Shaunesy Behrens, Peg Evans-Brown, David Wasson, and David Lousteau. Staff present: Jessica Brandt, Rick Walk, Ryan Andrews, and Leah Bender.

Paul Enns noted a quorum present.

David Wasson made a motion, seconded by Shaunesy Behrens, to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting. All were in favor, the motion carried. David Wasson made a motion, seconded by Peg Evans-Brown, to approve the August 6, 2019, minutes. All were in favor, the motion carried.

1. **Public Comments:** None.

2. **Commission Members Reports:**

- Daphne Retzlaff reported on her attendance at the last Council meeting.
- David Wasson reported on his attendance at the Olympia Downtown Alliance Summer Meeting.
- Peg Evans-Brown reported on her attendance at the Health Department Meeting.

3. **Director's Report:**

- Rick Walk reported that Ryan Andrews will present the Affordable Housing Strategy to Council on August 22.

4. **Old Business:**

Emergency Housing Facilities LMC 16.64:

- Rick noted that Planning Commission has discussed the ordinance at great length and there is a lot of information in the record for Council to consider.
- Rick presented some information and statistics from Lacey Police Department regarding calls for service, reports, officer time, number of responding officers, and incidents regarding homeless people between June 1 and July 10.
- Rick went over a graphic outlining the options, pros and cons, and outcomes of amending the ordinance or taking no action.
- There were discussions regarding what other jurisdictions are doing, the possibility of allowing overnight camps to remain set up during the day, the costs involved with overnight and 24-hour facilities, the Snohomish County social service model, how the 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. time frame was determined, whether other jurisdictions have tried the overnight model, and tracking progress of the outcomes.
- Ryan Andrews went over Planning Commission's role and scope and reiterated that they should focus on the land use issues. Other matters such as budget fall under Council's scope.
- Ryan went over the history of the draft ordinance and the concerns raised by Commission and the public regarding the 24-hour facilities, and the consensus arrived at for each concern.
- Ryan went over the regulations and discussed the concerns that were raised regarding the overnight facilities.
- Ryan summarized the staff recommendation to adopt the proposed ordinance as submitted for the public hearing.

- Ryan also summarized the issues the PC discussed after the public hearing related notice requirements, hours of operation related to temporary overnight sites, residency and cost. Ryan then restated the recommendation options the Planning Commission can consider: Recommend adoption of the staff recommendation; recommend adoption to the city council with additional amendments and/or side issues, or recommend to not adopt the amendments and leave the ordinance as currently adopted. Council will then act on the ordinance as they determine appropriate.
- There were discussions regarding how Lacey Police Department responded prior to the Boise decision, state funding for facilities, and the use of excise tax money.
- Ryan went over the proposed side issues that Planning Commission may attach to their recommendation to Council. It was agreed that leaving out the 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. time frame would allow for more flexibility, especially in the winter when hours of darkness are different, and that the time frame should be set by the city as part of the operating policies of the temporary overnight site.
- There was a discussion about limiting facility residency to Thurston County residents. Rick noted that he discussed the issue with the City Attorney and it was decided that more research would need to be done to determine if the restriction is legal and/or feasible.
- **David Lousteau made a motion to recommend the adoption of the ordinance with the following modification: Remove everything that does not relate to 24-hour facilities, separate the two issues as they are not related, and recommend only the temporary overnight site facility regulations to Council. The motion failed for lack of a second.**
- **David Wasson made a motion, seconded by Peg Evans-Brown, to recommend to Council amended Emergency Housing Facilities LMC 16.64 with the recommended edits related to additional public notice timeframes and removal of the hours of operation for temporary overnight sites for adoption and including the recommended list of side issues. Five were in favor, one opposed; the motion carried.**

5. **Communications and Announcements:**

- Paul asked Commissioners to consider who they will nominate for Chair in January as his term expires February 28, 2020.
- Rick reminded Commissioners about the Bus Tour on September 5.
- Peg expressed her appreciation for staff and all the work that has been put into the Emergency Housing Facilities ordinance.

6. **Next meeting:** September 17, 2019.

7. **Adjournment:** 9:00 p.m.