

**TOWN OF TWISP
PLANNING COMMISSION
May 10th, 2023
REGULAR MEETING**

Call to Order: Commissioner Battle called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Attendees:

Commissioner John Battle - Remote
Commissioner Art Tasker
Commissioner Mark Tesch
Council Member Alan Caswell
Planner Kurt Danison
Council Member Katrina Auburn

Absent:

Commissioner Jasmine Minbashian
Commissioner Bill Tackman

Public Comment:

Ken Borg – Began to give a comment on the Fire Marshal report for the Orchard Hills Planned (OHPD) Development but was stopped by Planner Danison as no more comments are being accepted on the OHPD.

Jerry Heller – Began to comment on a SEPA [procedural matter as he felt it is relevant and appropriate. Being that the OHPD SEPA is not concluded, he feels that the code is clear and SEPA is supposed to be concluded and brought before the Planning Commission to review application. He is upset because he feels that the community has not given the opportunity to review or comment on the SEPA to the Planning Commission.

Planner Danison responded that anyone has the option to appeal SEPA, and that there will be a Council held public hearing on the mater. The Planning Commission's (PC) recommendation will go to the Town Council. The council cannot act or decide until the SEPA is completed. Citizens have the ability to appeal whatever the Council does. The Council can accept or deny the PC recommendation or send back to PC for additional work. The WA State regulatory reform requirement decisions must be made within 120 days of a complete application. The Council will make a closed record decision on the PC OHPD recommendation. Planner Danison cannot write the MDNS until the Planning Commission has reviewed and made a final recommendation on the OHPD.

Orchard Hills Planned Development:

Planner Danison went over the conditions in the draft staff report for OHPD's transmittal to the council. Copies of this draft and redline are available. Recommendations from the Fire Marshal's review were reviewed and incorporated.

The PC and Planner Danison worked through the whole document, having discussions, and making edits to the draft. At the conclusion of the meeting's allotted time, Planner Danison noted that he'd need a bit of time to finalize the report and compile the findings of fact. He suggested that a special meeting be held the following week to present a final report for approval.

Chairman Battle agreed and directed Clerk Kilmer to set a special meeting for the following week. He wrapped up the conversation, thanking both the community and the Planning Commissioners for their hard work and attention to the process. He stated that more housing is critical to Twisp's health and growth and that he's pleased with the conditions to ensure this growth is safe and wanted in the community. The Commissioners thanked Chairman Battle for his leadership through the process and thanked the community for their input.

Shorelines Master Plans:

Planner Danison recommended for the sake of time and in the absence of Commissioner Minbashian, that this item be discussed at the next scheduled PC meeting.

Next Steps:

The next meeting is planned for May 17th at 5:30 pm.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Battle adjourned the meeting at 6:48 pm.



John Battle, Chairman



Randy Kilmer, Secretary