

MINUTES

Clallam County Planning Commission

Meeting of August 7, 2024, 6:00 PM

- A. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
- C. ROLL CALL: Members present were Chair Steve Gale, Vice-Chair Ron Long, Tom Butler, Ken Reandeau, Katina Hester, and Jane Hielman. Donella Clark, Principal Planner and Enrique Valenzuela, Assistant Planner represented staff from the Department of Community Development.
- D. WELCOME: Chair Gale welcomed all in attendance.
- E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ken Reandeau made a motion to approve the minutes from May and Ron Long seconded. Motion passed with one abstention from Jane Hielman.
- F. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Currently two vacancies
- G. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None
- H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None
- I. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM: Staff presented a summary of the five Current Use Assessments that were submitted. A conversation was held regarding the Public Benefit Program and the current applications. No public was in attendance so a public hearing was not opened. Ron Long motioned to forward the recommendation from staff to the BOCC and Katina Hester seconded. Ken Reaundeau recused himself for the vote on CUA2023-00013. The motion for Sallstrom passed 4-1 and the motion for the other four applications passed 5-1.
- J. WORK SESSION ITEMS: Staff discussed Chapter 27.08 Open Space and went through the list of qualifying points to understand what qualifications continue to be important as a public benefit and what elements are being addressed through codes that would no longer require the program to incentivize protection. Public use continues to be important to provide a reduction in taxes. Conservation easements and protection of wildlife and rare plant communities should continue to provide reduction, however, the assessment of habitat becomes a challenge for staff to determine. Perhaps the introduction of language to ensure soils are preserved is the public benefit. Large parcels should also be protected which means that development pressure should be reprioritized than just a medium benefit. Water quality should also be considered for protection.
- K. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None
- L. DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS: None
- M. GOOD OF THE ORDER: Steve Gale asked what the status of the proposed roundabouts on Highway 101 are and if the County provides any input or suggests designs.
- N. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at __7:35__ p.m.