

MINUTES

Clallam County Planning Commission

Meeting of October 16, 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, Jane Hielman, Dann May, and Bonnie Booth. Bruce Emery, Director, Donella Clark, Principal Planner and represented staff from the Department of Community Development. Joe Donisi, Steve Gray, and Jason O'Dell represented the Public Works Department.
- D. WELCOME: Chair Gale welcomed all in attendance.
- E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion passed 7-0 with one abstention.
- F. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None
- G. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Ed Bowan provided summary of the open house attended by the Board of County Commissioners. Was excellent to hear staff's views and the difference between maintenance versus capital projects.

Josh Durst is concerned with the speed limit following the completion of the Dungeness Wildlife Curve and hopes staff will look at reducing the speed.

Nicols Elliot has concerns regarding the curve and the speed limits. Wondering if the County has consulted the Tribe about the project.

Rachel may suggests that a roundabout may be a better solution and would reduce speeds. Neighborhood has changed so much would be helpful to keep the speed down on Lotzgesell.

Wendy Clark of the Jamestown Tribe noted they are involved in the issues in the Voice of America project. Tribe does support the widening of Lotzgesell to add shoulders.

- H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None
- I. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM: Steve Gray and Jason O'Dell provided a briefing on the 6-year Transportation Improvement Plan providing an overview of the presentation given on October 2nd . Provided written comment received at the Open House. Planning Commission asked questions and Ron Long suggested they amend their recommendation to the Board to include the removal of the dollar amount on Project U41. Steve Gale opened the public hearing and requested comments from those in attendance.

Cheryl Baumann of the North Olympic Lead Entity provided comment on Project 41. Wanted to thank the County for partnering with others to advance different projects, allowing others to use their expertise and funding to remove the illegal fish blocking culverts.

Wendy Clark of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe wanted to comment on the Voice of America project and suggested phasing the project to get the road away from the bluff and spend some additional time on the Lotzgesell public outreach. Touched on the project occurring in Carlsborg providing ADA access to the trail.

Rachel May suggested separating the Lotzgesell corner from the Voice of America project, and perhaps remove the curve portion from the project.

Ed Bowen commented on Unfunded Project 41 and discussed how we plan for the future.

Ron Long recommended a motion and Katina Hester seconded with the recommendation to forward the TIP to the Commissioners requesting they consider writing a letter regarding the Joyce Piedmont project and requesting additional public process for Project #3.

Motion passed 7-1 with the recommended motions from Commissioners Long and Hester.

- J. WORK SESSION ITEMS: Bruce Emery introduced Tim Havel to discuss the timeline of the Comprehensive Plan Update. The County is currently working with two consultants on two updates regarding Hazard Mitigation and the Housing and Climate elements required. The County is moving forward with public outreach, looking at December or January for dates of outreach. County has begun engaging stakeholders. Project must be complete by December 2025. Next steps is to finalize public engagement plan and revise the gap analysis for policy updates.
- K. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Ed Bowen wanted to emphasize the need for the Comprehensive Plan to address the arterial flow problem in the County's transportation system.
- L. DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS: Commission asked how the public is engaged in the Comp Plan update. Staff explained there will be mailers, there is a website, open engagement activities will be planned, and of course public hearings.
- M. GOOD OF THE ORDER: Katina Hester had asked when they would see the revisions to the Open Space Code and staff informed the Commission it is on the agenda for the first meeting in November.
- N. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at __8:05__ p.m.