

## MINUTES

### Clallam County Planning Commission

*Meeting of February 18, 2026, 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 Hester, Ken Reandeau, Tom Butler, Ron Long, Warren Billups, Janice Wilson, and Jane Hielman. Bruce Emery, Director and Donella Clark, Principal Planner, represented staff from the Department of Community Development.
- D. WELCOME: Chair Gale welcomed all in attendance
- E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Long motioned to approve the minutes and Commissioner Hester seconded. Motion passed with one abstention.
- F. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.
- G. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: John Worthington commented that SERN and ODC are trying to move growth to the UGA. The RV Ordinance is dancing around rental of RVs. Also commented on the reservoir project and the lack of habitat it creates for kings.  
  
Heather Cantua of Bear Creek Road commented on the Conditional Use Permit on Grouse Glen Road and the realization of the importance of the Comprehensive Plan in supporting those decisions. The Western Regional Plan has not had any substantial updates since the 1990's. Changes regarding water resources and septic should be added. Entire section needs an overhaul.
- H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.
- I. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM: Commission opened the public hearing. John Worthington commented about the reservoir project versus habitat. He also commented on the conversion of open space from farms.

WORK SESSION ITEMS: Director Emery shared an email from Judy Larson regarding comments on the Comprehensive Plan. SEPA has been issued and the Commerce Checklist has been complete. Materials have been sent to Commerce for their review. Commission Hester noted that the Commission has been working to meet the GMA compliance that they need to step back and look at the Comprehensive Plan overall. Does not feel the Commission has meet the needs of our districts. Director Emery noted there has been so many changes there has not been as much time for grassroots planning.

The Commission continued to work through Table 3 – Public Testimony. Director Emery will make a recommendation on wording regarding the archeological preservation sites. Will bring back agricultural ag uses to discuss next time. Reviewed the Statutory Requirements concerning the UGA swap as proposed. Commission also discussed the Draft Resolution to the Commissioners. Commissioner Billups wished there were more aspirational goals included in the Comprehensive Plan. Maybe there needs to be an effort to engage the public just on the goals. Commissioner Long commented that a lot of the comments received have been policy from agencies. Commissioned agreed to discuss the amended Table 3 and Table 4 at the next meeting.

Director Emery recommended continuing the hearing until March 4<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Hester moved to continue the hearing and Commissioner Long seconded.

- J. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: John Worthington wrote an email to Director Emery regarding comments and questions. Commented on the flooding at 3 Crabs and the engineered flooding. Heather Cantua appreciated the comments regarding the vision and goals of the Comprehensive Plan. The neighbors have started a dialog regarding how we have growth that is sustainable. Inaccuracies exist in the Comprehensive Plan regarding the Hungry Bear Café which has been closed for five years and mention of a golf course that is likely not supported by the community anymore. Asked how best to get changes to the Comprehensive Plan.
- L. DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS: Commissioner Hester stated the best way to provide comment is in writing. Director Emery concurred that written comments are appreciated.
- M. GOOD OF THE ORDER: Commission would like to see the entire Comprehensive Plan as an entire document. Staff will send a link.
- N. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at \_\_8:20 p.m.\_\_\_