



CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON
Planning Commission MEETING MINUTES
June 16, 2021

Regular Meeting - 6:30 PM

GENERAL SESSION CALL TO ORDER - 6:34 PM

ROLL CALL - [6:34 AM](#)

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jerry Bush	Commissioner	Late	6:45 PM
Stan Okinaka	Commissioner	Late	6:37 PM
Paul Young	Commissioner	Present	
Patrick Flynn	Chairman	Present	
Judy Chipman	Commissioner	Late	6:37 PM
Gary Rightenour	Commissioner	Present	
Amanda Swenson	Commissioner	Present	

Commissioner Young moved, seconded by Commissioner Rightenour, to excuse the members absent from this meeting. Ayes: All. Motion passed unanimously.

Late changes to the agenda - [6:34 PM](#)

There were no late changes to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT - [6:35 PM](#)

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. 2337 : 05.05.2021 Planning Commission Minutes - [6:36 PM](#)

Commissioner Young moved, seconded by Commissioner Swensen, to accept the minutes as written. Ayes: All. Motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Title 18 Housekeeping and Minor Policy Updates - [6:38 PM](#)

Claire Lust, Community Development Director introduced the proposed series of minor housekeeping and policy changes to Title 18 of the Ridgefield Municipal Code (RMC), also known as the Ridgefield Development Code (RDC). The purpose of the proposed amendments is to keep the code up-to-date and to address current development issues in order to better serve the Ridgefield community.

Discussion occurred on clarifying that "treated wood" means stained, or painted and not pressure treated.

Discussion occurred on defining "natural ponds" and clarification that natural ponds can count towards the unusable open space requirement and not to exceed 50%, so the remaining portion can be utilized as usable open space.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 6:57 PM

No testimony was provided.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 6:59 PM

Commissioner Chipman moved, seconded by Commissioner Bush for approval of the proposed updates based on recommendations provided by the Commissioners. Ayes: All. Motion passed unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Judy Chipman, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Jerry Bush, Commissioner
AYES:	Bush, Okinaka, Young, Flynn, Chipman, Rightenour, Swenson

STAFF REPORTS - [7:01 PM](#)

Claire Lust, Community Development Director, updated the Commissioners on the status of reopening and advised that the July Planning Commission Meeting has been cancelled, however, tentatively the August Meeting may be in person.

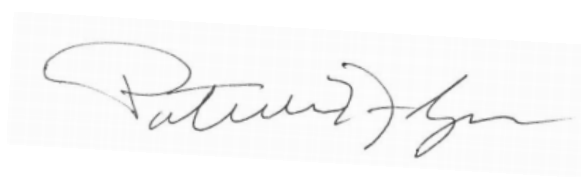
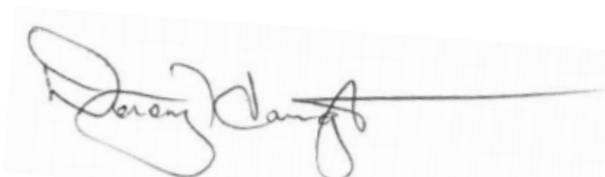
Ms. Lust also stated that she will be coordinating with City Council on getting the Commission and Council together to tour new and ongoing development around the City. She updated the Commission of the new Permit Technician position being filled and the current and incoming project activity.

FROM THE COMMISSION - [7:04 PM](#)

Commissioner Okinaka updated the Commissioners on the Ridgefield Main Street Program and advised that they will be resuming their live in person community meetings at the Sportsman restaurant. He also advised that the Governor signed the bill to increase the funding this year to another 90k and informed the Commission on upcoming fund raising opportunities, with the first one on July 23rd Friday Night Flicks at the Port featuring Field of Dreams and Octoberfest on September 11th.

Chairperson Flynn thanked Commissioner Young for chairing the last Planning Commission meeting. He informed the Commission of a couple of upcoming events i.e., Ridgefield School District Golf Tournament on July 19th and advised how to sign up for this event, also Octoberfest on September 11th and Experience Ridgefield on September 11th with activities.

ADJOURN - [7:12 PM](#)



Dorothy Harrington

Patrick Flynn