



**CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 7, 2024**

Regular Meeting - 6:30 PM

I. GENERAL SESSION CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM

- 1. Flag Salute**
- 2. Roll Call**

Present:

Commission Member Amanda Swenson
Chair Katie Favela
Commission Member Richard Amerman
Commission Member John Rose
Commission Member Joel Thompson

Chair Favela moved to excuse Commissioner Tyler and Commissioner Flynn. Seconded by Commissioner Swenson. Ayes all. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Late changes to the agenda

No late changes to the agenda.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Anyone requesting to speak to the Commission regarding all items not subject to a specific Public Hearing may come forward at this time. Please state your name and limit comments to three minutes. Written comments may be submitted to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

Chaire Favela advised that the Planning Commission received an email from a local student regarding traffic and that the email was forwarded to the Public Works Department.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes from the 01/03/2024 Meeting

RESULT:	(UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Commission Member John Rose
SECONDER:	Commission Member Richard Amerman

AYES: Commission Member Swenson, Chair Favela, Commission Member Amerman, Commission Member Rose, Commission Member Thompson
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Commissioner Rose moved to approve the minutes from the January meeting as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Amerman. Ayes all. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

1. Comprehensive Plan Community Engagement Kickoff - Claire Lust, Community Development Director

Claire Lust, Community Development Director, presented the Community Engagement Plan. City Council had their first work session on community engagement where they focused on the community conversation tool kit.

Commissioner Rose suggested including the Clark County Builder's Association, Clark County Association of Realtors and the Chamber of Commerce in conversations.

Commissioner Thompson stated that he could reach out to his church group, Ridgefield High School and his HOA.

Commissioner Amerman suggested reaching out to the food cart vendors, local veteran's groups and Toastmasters.

Chair Favela suggested including public safety partners, youth sports organizations and mental health services.

Commissioner Swenson suggested including parents and students of the Ridgefield School District.

2. Comprehensive Plan Housing and Employment Projections - Claire Lust, Community Development Director

Claire Lust, Community Development Director, gave a presentation on housing and employment projections.

Discussion occurred regarding how the employment deficit compares to other jurisdictions.

Discussion occurred regarding zoning and meeting state requirements.

Discussion occurred regarding what the formula is for determining the projections.

Discussion occurred regarding future jobs and keeping young people living and working in Ridgefield.

Discussion occurred regarding the vacant buildable lands model.

Discussion occurred regarding a proposed expansion of the Urban Growth Area.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

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Hearing may come forward at this time. Please state your name and limit comments to three minutes. Written comments may be submitted to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

No public comments provided.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

Claire Lust, Community Development Director, thanked the Planning Commission for the questions and discussion regarding the Comprehensive Plan presentations. She also thanked Chair Favela for presenting the 2024 Planning Commission work plan at the last City Council Meeting. The Enforcement Code updates will be taken back to City Council on January 22nd.

VII. FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Amerman questioned whether the commercial kitchen at the RACC could be used by the food carts for their food preparation. He also questioned the status of the YMCA.

Commissioner Thompson is impressed with all the efforts that have gone into the Comprehensive Plan process, etc.

Commissioner Rose attended Hill Day in Olympia.

Commissioner Swenson is looking forward to working on the Comprehensive Plan. She is looking forward to attending the State of the City.

Chair Favela appreciates the intentionality that Ridgefield puts into meetings, engagement with residents, etc. She is excited about the community engagement plan.

VIII. ADJOURN



Trina Siebert, Planning Commission Clerk



Katie Favela, Chair