



Community Development Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2021

Call to Order 6:00pm

Councilmembers Present: Sid Roberts, Steve Shepro

Staff Present: Patricia Love, Sara Robinson, Amy Bergemeier

Also Present: Tim Schmidt, Chris Castner

Absent: Judy Williams, Tim Pearce

Agenda Items:

1. Permitted Use Matrix Code Amendment Update
2. Aerial Photography for GIS Mapping
3. Stanwood Port Susan Trail Grant
4. Parks and Recreation Feasibility Study Update and Exercise
5. 68th and 80th Avenue Traffic Study Results

1. *Permitted Use Matrix Code Amendment Update*

At the Planning Commission meeting on May 10th the commissioners discussed the Permitted Use Matrix for the Commercial and Mixed-Use zones. After a lengthy discussion regarding the current listed uses, there will be many uses that are consolidated within the matrix. The main areas of consolidation are in the Automobile Services, Office, Personal Services, and Retail Trade. Staff will be working on the consolidation process for these zones, along with the Industrial zones and will be taking the revised matrix back to the commissioners at the June meeting for final adjustments.

The Planning Commission also reviewed House Bill 1220, which passed the Senate in April and is awaiting the Governor's signature. This bill adds requirements to the Housing Element of the Comprehensive Plan to accommodate for moderate, low, very low and extremely low-income households and to implement policies and regulations to address and begin to undo racial impacts, displacement, and exclusion in housing caused by local policies, plans and actions. The moderate-income household definition is new and accounts for income levels at 120 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI). There are also code requirements that need to be added to the Permitted Use Matrix involving emergency housing, emergency shelters, and permanent supportive housing. These additions will be added to the residential and commercial areas affected by these new required uses. The bill also is requiring changes to the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) code section. This will entail additional code sections to be changed and the city will need to address utilities and public improvements regarding ADU's.

- Committee discussed and are interested in what this all means for Stanwood.



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2. *Aerial Photography for GIS Mapping*

In 2020 Snohomish County commissioned an aerial flight of the entire County to obtain aerial photography in the quality necessary to use as base maps for GIS mapping purposes. The County reached out to all cities to determine their interest in participating in a cost sharing option to obtain copies for individual jurisdictional use. The County intends to update the aerial photography every two years so that the base maps can keep pace with construction and development.

As part of the 2021 – 2022 Budget, staff included costs to obtain aerials for Stanwood and our urban growth areas. This work has been completed and the files are ready to be distributed. To finalize the transaction, an amendment to the City's Interlocal Agreement is necessary. The City Administrator is currently working on the proposed language amendments and we anticipate that the amended ILA will be ready for Council approval on their second meeting date in May or early June.

The cost for the city to participate in this program is just under \$2,400.00 per year.

- Committee discussed and approve.

3. *Stanwood Port Susan Trail Update:*

The design and permitting of the Stanwood – Port Susan trail Phase 2 segment is in our 2021 work plan. Our goal is to design and construct a 6-10 foot wide pedestrian trail that starts at the 88th Avenue park and ride lot, connects to the SR 532 Berm that was recently constructed, loops the water treatment plant, passes through Hamilton Landing Park and connects to the Stillaguamish River overlook platform behind Mission Motors that was built and donated to the City by a local Eagle Scout.

The overall goal of the project is to create an enjoyable walking experience for the community by including pedestrian plaza areas, river viewpoints, benches, educational interpretative signs, and pedestrian connections to downtown shopping areas at 92nd Avenue.

In the 2020 legislative session, the city was awarded funds for construction of the Stanwood Port Susan Trail in the amount of \$452,252.00. In 2021 another \$742,000.00 was but in the state capital budget. Staff will be working with the state on preparing the contracts and will then bring them to the full Council for acceptance.

- Committee discussed and are excited for this.



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4. Parks and Recreation Feasibility Study Update:

The 2021 / 2022 biennial budget and associated work plan includes the development of a Parks & Recreation Feasibility Study. The purpose of this study is to help the City determine how best to provide parks, recreational programming and special events to the Stanwood / Camano community. Berk Consulting was hired to help the City evaluate what service models would work best for Stanwood.

Berk has met with the Parks and Trails Advisory Committee (PTAC) and the Economic Development Board (EDB). The Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for June 2nd.

- Committee discussed and look forward to the results of the study

5. 68th and 80th Avenue Traffic Study Results:

The Community Development Department's 2021 work plan included preparing a traffic study on 68th Avenue and 80th Avenue in response to multiple comments and concerns about heavy traffic and excessive speeding along these roads. Our on-call traffic engineering consultants, TranspoGroup, was hired to conduct the studies. Work focused on two issues: traffic speeds and potential mitigation measures.

Using "streetlight data" which is traffic information obtained from cell phone tracking, TranspoGroup was able to determine average trip speeds and provide some proposed traffic calming options. Data was gathered for 2019 and 2020. Recommendations are based on the 2019 data due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.

One comment repeatedly heard from the community is that the high traffic volume and speed on these roads was due to the pass-through traffic – or non-city resident traffic – headed north to 300th Street and Lake Ketchum. The origin and destination study showed that the majority of traffic on 68th and 80th is from city residents, living in the uptown neighborhoods.

- Committee discussed and wants to improve traffic safety in these corridors. They support the addition of mini roundabouts at 280th & 284th along 80th Ave. They also recommend clearing the brush around the speed limit signs on 80th as well as the corner of 283rd. They also want to possibly move or increase the size of the stop sign around 68th & 284th to make it much more visible.

Meeting ended at: 6:45 pm