



PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 3, 2025

This meeting was conducted in person at Snoqualmie City Hall and remotely using Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL: Chair Testman called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Commissioners:

Chair Testman, Vice Chair Kilcup, Darrell Lambert, Luke Marusiak, and Dan Murphy were present.

Councilmember Johnson was present.

City Staff:

Michael Chambless, City Administrator; Dena Burke, City Attorney; Mona Davis, Senior Planner/Interim Community Development Director; Jeff Hamlin, Parks & Public Works Director; Nicole Wiebe, Community Liaison; Deana Dean, City Clerk; and Jimmie Betts, IT Support Systems.

PUBLIC COMMENT

AGENDA APPROVAL - The agenda was unanimously approved.

COUNCIL LIASION UPDATE

Councilmember Johnson announced the following staff updates: New Planning Commission Liaison, Mona Davis, Senior Planner/Interim Community Development Director, and Acting Police Chief Gary Horejsi. The Splash Pad construction is under way, anticipated opening for summer of 2025.

MINUTES

1. The February 3, 2025, minutes were unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION

1. Peter Hambling, Pacific West Rail, and his team: Rob Nelson, Todd Gamble, Edward Lalonde, and Architect Olsen Kundig, presented an overview of the Model Train Museum. The building would be located on the corner of King St., and Railroad Ave.

Commissioner comments and questions included:

- Interactive exhibits
- Construction timeline and duration
- Neighboring businesses bowling alley and coffee stand future
- Visitor attendance estimates
- Maker space and classes
- Food and beverage inside museum
- Parking
- Event space within museum, potential revenue for museum

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

2. Mona Davis, Staff Liaison, presented feedback from recent Downtown Business District Roundtable, part of Economic Development Commission.

During the roundtables, the Historic Overlay Color Palette was a much-discussed topic. Businesses expressed limitations of existing color palette, costs associated with variances, and how to improve the process.

Mona Davis will research other cities Historic District color palettes and provide information to the history of past variances.

Commissioner comments included:

- Could Pantone colors, rather than specific paint store colors be implanted.
- How to improve the process.

Chari Testman introduced a discussion on the Design Review Board Code. Comments and questions included:

- Modification to code in 2023.
- 17.35.120; 17335.150; and 17.35.280 were discussed and considered for further review.

The motion was made to:

Move as part of future work plan, review colors and Design Review Board.

PASSED 5-0 (Testman, Kilcup, Marusiak, Lambert, Murphy)

OTHER BUSINESS

Items of Planning Commission Interest

- Watched Growth and Economic Development Video, Mayor Matt Larson, 2017.
- Snoqualmie Valley School District plans for future schools in Snoqualmie.
- Request for staff to review code for school construction.
- Casino expansion.
- 348th pothole repair timeline.
- No Parking notification timelines.
- Snowplow work in February, praise for plow team.
- Icon, Snoqualmie Parkway contractor, awarded "Project of the Year", Best on the Westside" by the APWA.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Testman, seconded by Commissioner Kilcup to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Minutes prepared by Nicole Wiebe, Community Liaison

Recorded meeting audio is available on the City website after the meeting.

Minutes approved at the March 17, 2025, Planning Commission Meeting.