

DRAFT Minutes
Stevenson Planning Commission Meeting
Monday, April 14th, 2025
6:00 PM

Planning Commission Chair Jeff Breckel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT

PC Chair Jeff Breckel; Commissioners Anne Keesee, Charles Hales and Tony Lawson were in attendance. **Vice-Chair Auguste Zettler** was absent.

STAFF PRESENT

Community Development Director Ben Shumaker, Planning & Public Works Assistant Tiffany Andersen

PUBLIC PRESENT

Mary Repar

A. Preliminary Matters

1. Public Comment Expectations

Shumaker explained use of tools for remote and public participants: For remote, *6 to mute/unmute & *9 to raise hand, or raise hand icon. Commenters must raise their hand and be acknowledged by the Chair. Individual comments may be limited to 3 minutes. Disruptive individuals may be required to leave the meeting. Persistent disruptions may result in the meeting being recessed and continued at a later date.

2. Public Comment Period:

Mary Repar commented on a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion as a health/social need.

3. Approval of Minutes:

March 10th, 2024 Planning Commission meeting minutes were approved unanimously following a motion by **Commissioner Keesee**, seconded by **Commissioner Lawson**. There were no changes or corrections.

B. New Business

Sewer Ordinance Workshop: Regulations currently being reviewed by City Council alter when development is compelled to connect to the municipal sewer system <https://www.ci.stevenson.wa.us/publicworks/page/proposed-sewer-ordinance>.

Ben Shumaker, Community Development Director reported the first sewer ordinance workshop was held recently. He noted light attendance. A public hearing is scheduled for April 17 at during the City Council

meeting. **Shumaker** provided information from the workshop regarding what connection options homeowners had available.

C. Discussion

Planning Commissioners held a discussion on the current details of the proposed ordinance. **Commissioner Hales** shared further work on an annexation policy is contingent upon passage of the ordinance. It was agreed the revised ordinance is more feasible for property owners, and does a good job striking a balance.

D. Old Business

5. Staff & Commission Reports

City Administrator
Ben Shumaker, Community Development Director reported a new City Administrator has been hired.

Rezone
(Lost Zoom connection at 7:10 p.m.)

6. Thought of the Month:

-Vacation Rentals, elsewhere:
<https://www.cascadepbs.org/news/2025/03/vacation-rental-boom-inflates-housing-prices-wa-mountain-town>
-Vacation Rentals, here:
<https://docs.google.com/document>

E. Adjournment

PC Chair Breckel declared the meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Minutes recorded by
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