



City of Winlock
Planning Commission
Regular Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

March 21, 2022

Winlock City Hall, Council Chamber

Present: Angela Tover, Jodi Curtis, Cameron Clark, Ben Root.

Staff: Robert Webster - Community Development, Karen Howsden – Asst. Clerk.

1. Call to order

Angela Tover called the meeting to order at 5:58 pm. The quorum has been met. Robert introduced Karen Howsden to the Planning Commission members.

2. One-Way Streets Around the Elementary School

Robert Webster presented a map showing the one-way streets to the planning commission. Angela Tover said all of Benton Ave should be one-way until the intersection of W Walnut St. NW Fir St will be one-way starting at the NW Fir St & NW Arden Ave intersection. Robert said before the end of the one-way there will need to be a merge for a left turn lane. Angela suggested the right lane will be a straight/turn right only lane and the left lane will be a left turn only lane. Robert confirmed with Angela that NW Arden Ave would also be a one-way street. There was discussion about signage and painting directional arrows on the street. Robert said he had spoken to Dr. Cameron at the Winlock School District and the school is considering having the cars go up King Rd and turn in where the buses are currently going. Any changes will be implemented before the start of the next school year. The Planning Commission will meet on April 4, 2022 to refine the new road plan. The Planning Commission is going to present this road plan to the Winlock City Council on April 11, 2022.

3. Future Road Plans Wish List

Robert Webster asked the Planning Commission to come up with a wish list for the roads in Winlock. Robert said some of the road improvements will be paid for by the developers. There was discussion regarding the narrow streets and the challenges they present. Robert wants to consult with an attorney before regarding right-of-way and how to best handle dealing with the residents. Jodie Curtis suggested small speed bumps on the road to help slow people down and help with traffic control.

4. Sidewalks Throughout the City – Grant Money

Robert Webster asked the Planning Commission to come up with a list of roads/areas that need to have sidewalks. Robert let the Planning Commission know that a grant was be submitted for money for sidewalks. There was discussion about the narrow roads and if there would be enough room for the road and the sidewalks. One of the suggestions was to widen the roads and not add sidewalks. Robert said the developers will pay for new sidewalks and streetlights in the new developments and along the existing roads. Jodie Curtis said having sidewalks where people can walk and be in the community is very inviting. They discussed other areas where sidewalks would be beneficial. Robert suggested building a walkway over St Rt 505 to help keep pedestrians safe.

Robert complimented Mayor Svenson on getting money to help with improvements in the City of Winlock.

Angela Tover asked if there was any interest in the property where the Sunrise Motel was located which is across the street from the Shell gas station. Robert replied there had been interest in the property. He said investors had brought in engineers. They want to enlarge the Shell station to 10,000 sq. ft. There was some discussion regarding the sewer and water extension. Robert also said the same developers bought the land from Knowles Rd to the Shell station. They are considering building a hotel and/or restaurant. Robert asked about the retirement community. Jodie Curtis replied that it has been or will be sold and the tenants have been given a year to relocate.

5. Adjournment

Angela Tover closes the meeting at 6:30 pm.