



Planning Commission

MINUTES

Thursday, August 13, 2020

Due to Governor Inslee's proclamation 20-28 in response to COVID-19, this Planning Commission meeting will be conducted entirely through teleconference. Commissioners, as well as the public, will separately call into the meeting and be able to listen and participate live as the meeting happens. Instructions on how to listen and/or participate live to the Planning Commission meeting can be found on the [City's Website](#).

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:05 PM

2. ROLL CALL:

COMMISSION MEMBERS: J Calvin Armerding (present), Kevin Owens (excused), Jerry Marczynski (present), Jessica H. Stone PhD (excused), Steve Hrutfiord (present), Tom Hanrahan (absent).

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER OWENS TO EXCUSE COMMISSIONER STONE. SECONDED BY HRUITFORD. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

STAFF: Stacy Clauson, Community Planner II; Stacie Pratschner, Community Development Director; Ivonne Barnette.

3. REVIEW MINUTES

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER HRUITFORM TO ACCEPT JUNE 25, 2020 MINUTES AS WRITTEN. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARCZYNSKI. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

- Stacy Clauson presented project background and staff recommendation for Islamic Center of Blaine Variance Request (#2020047). The request is to reduce the amount of required on-site parking stalls from 37 to eight stalls.

- Staff entered into the record the application materials and associated attachments an official staff report with detailed finding and recommendation.
- Staff advised the Planning Commission make one of the following recommendations to City Council:
 - A. Approve the Islamic Center of Blaine's Variance Request (#2020047) with the conditions and findings written in the staff report;
 - B. Approve the Islamic Center of Blaine's Variance Request (#2020047) with the changes to the conditions of approval and/or changes to the findings contained in the accompanying staff report;
 - C. Deny the request for approval with findings supporting the denial;
 - D. Continue the Planning Commission Deliberation at a later date.
- Representatives from the Islamic Center of Blaine commented in support of their request.
- Commissioner Armerding opened public comment for Islamic Center of Blaine Variance Application (#2020047) for public comment:
 - Carolyn Anderson, Salishan Neighborhood Association, 869 Harrison Avenue, Blaine WA;
 - Sharon Somers-Hill, 1333 Harrison Avenue, Blaine WA;
 - Sandi and Brad Livesy, 1137 Harrison Avenue, Blaine WA.

MOTION FROM COMMISSIONER HRUITFORD TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING PORTION OF THE MEETING. SECONDED BY OWENS. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY AT 6:34 P.M.

- Commissioners deliberated on the request for approval of Islamic Center of Blaine Variance Application (#2020047).

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MARCZYNSKI TO CONTINUE DELIBERATION TO THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION (AUGUST 27, 2020). SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HRUTFIORD. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. NEW BUSINESS

No new business

7. OLD BUSINESS

No old business

8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Stacie Pratschner gave an update to Commission on recent department activities;
- The next planning commission meeting will be held on August 27, 2020.

9. Adjournment 7:34 PM.