

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
Planning and Development Committee
March 26, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Tyler Byrd called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.

ROLL CALL

Present: Barbara Brenner and Tyler Byrd
Absent: Todd Donovan
Also Present: Carol Frazey and Rud Browne

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1. AB2019 180 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES' SEMI ANNUAL REPORT

Mark Personius, Planning and Development Services Director, submitted and read from a presentation (on file) on the department structure, focus, new permit software, the volume of permit regulations, customer service strategy, services to the community, barriers to customer service, and improving service delivery. He answered questions.

Councilmembers and Mr. Personius discussed different interpretations of the regulations, tracking the amount of time it takes to get a permit with the new software, the ability to create a decision tree that both staff and an applicant can use, when notices of additional requirements (NOARs) are issued, the timeline for the Code overhaul and other improvements, the growth rate, and collecting permit applicant feedback about the process.

OTHER BUSINESS

Byrd stated a citizen asked about updating the Code to allow a small trolling motor on a boat on Wiser Lake in the wintertime. He will bring forward more information to a future Committee meeting.

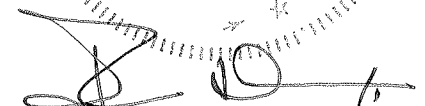
Brenner stated a citizen wants the Council to create a no shooting zone around the denser areas of Lake Samish.

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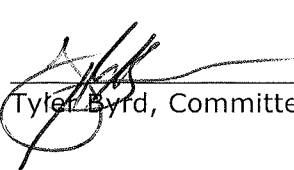
The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

ATTEST:


Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk


Jill Nixon, Minutes Transcription

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Tyler Byrd, Committee Chair