



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Land Use & Environment Committee

City Hall
601 4th Avenue E
Olympia, WA 98501

Information: 360.753.8244

Thursday, March 17, 2022

5:30 PM

Online and Via Phone

Register to attend:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_84ZfheneS1yGxLM56Eg9vQ

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Madrone called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 2 - Chair Dani Madrone and Committee member Clark Gilman

Excused: 1 - Committee member Jim Cooper

2.A OTHERS PRESENT

Assistant City Manager Keith Stahley
Climate Program Manager Dr. Pamela Braff

Public Works Staff:
Director Rich Hoey

Community Planning and Development Staff:
Director Leonard Bauer
Deputy Director Tim Smith
Building Official Erik Jensen
Principal Planner Joyce Phillips

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people spoke: Lisa Johnson, Timothy Leadingham, Mason Rolph, and Tony Usibelli.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 5.A** [22-0237](#) Approval of February 9, 2022 Land Use and Environment Committee Special Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

- 5.B [22-0238](#) Approval of February 17, 2022 Land Use and Environment Committee Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

6. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- 6.A [22-0236](#) Commercial Building Electrification/Decarbonization Briefing

Dr. Braff presented a summary of the City's greenhouse gas emissions goals, strategies to achieve those, and specifically building electrification strategies and options.

The Committee directed staff to include a broad array of electrification and electric-ready provisions in Olympia's adoption of required 2023 state code updates.

The discussion was completed.

- 6.B [22-0234](#) Capital Mall Triangle Subarea Plan

Ms. Phillips summarized the goals and work program for the Capital Mall Triangle Subarea Plan, which is funded by a grant from the WA Dept of Commerce.

The Committee asked that moderate and medium density zoning to the north and east be maintained as a mix of densities, and that the plan incorporate a more connected street grid. They also emphasized the need to connect with investors and developers once the Capital Mall Triangle Subarea Plan is complete.

The discussion was completed.

- 6.C [22-0235](#) Parking Requirements and Permit Process Review

Ms. Phillips provided an update on a grant received from WA Dept of Commerce to complete two actions from the Olympia Housing Action Plan: reducing parking requirements, and reorganizing permitting processes in City code to be more easily understood.

The discussion was completed.

7. REPORTS AND UPDATES

Ms. Phillips reported on a Planning Commission recommendation for minor amendments to the zoning code. The Committee agreed these could be taken to City Council.

Mr. Bauer reported on new planning staff hired. Mr. Smith reported the Hearing Examiner contract is ready to go before City Council at its March 29 meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

