



Meeting Minutes

Land Use & Environment Committee

City Hall
601 4th Avenue E
Olympia, WA 98501
Information: 360.753.8244

Thursday, July 21, 2022

4:00 PM

Room 207, Online and Via Phone

Register to Virtually Attend:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EzCIRcnbTPymiBZv2MSkBW

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Madrone called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 3 - Chair Dani Madrone, Committee member Jim Cooper and Committee member Clark Gilman

2.B OTHERS PRESENT

Assistant City Manager Keith Stahley
Housing Program Manager Darian Lightfoot

Community Planning and Development Staff:
Director Leonard Bauer
Deputy Director Tim Smith
Senior Planner Cari Hornbein

Thurston Conservation District Staff:
Conservation District Director Sarah Moorehead
Natural Resource Specialist Adam Peterson

EcoNorthwest Staff:
Senior Project Manager Jennifer Cannon
Senior Policy Advisor Morgan Shook

Community Farmland Trust Chair Marcie Cleaver

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people spoke: Judy Bardin, Larry Dzieza, Walt Jorgensen, Charlotte Persons and Leah Melvoin.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 5.A [22-0691](#) Approval of June 16, 2022 Land Use & Environment Committee Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

6. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- 6.A [22-0668](#) Olympia Farmland Work Group Policy Recommendations

Mr. Bauer, Mr. Peterson, Ms. Niehauser, Ms. Cleaver and Ms. Moorhead provided a presentation on the Olympia Farmland Work Group's analysis and recommendations. The Committee concurred with the recommendations, provided priorities and directed the Work Group to move forward toward implementation.

The recommendation was discussed and closed.

- 6.B [22-0687](#) Multi-Family Tax Exemption Market Analysis Update

Mr. Shook provided an update on the progress of the current MFTE analysis that the City has contracted with EcoNorthwest to conduct. Committee members had questions and comments, particularly about increasing affordable housing with the program. The Committee agreed the final draft report should be scheduled for a City Council work session.

The information was provided.

- 6.C [22-0667](#) Neighborhood Centers Update

Ms. Hornbein provided an update on the Neighborhood Centers review process with the City's consultant team led by Makers Architecture and Urban Design.

The information was provided.

7. REPORTS AND UPDATES

Chair Madrone requested the August meeting be moved to August 11; the Committee agreed.

Mr. Bauer reported that Downtown Exempt Parking Area was recommended by the Planning Commission. The Committee asked to schedule a review of the Planning Commission recommendation at the August 11 meeting. Mr. Bauer also reported the abandoned property registration ordinance is scheduled for an August Council meeting.

Committee member Gilman reported the C-Pacer program was approved in Thurston County.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.