SULTAN PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
March 7, 2019

PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
Janet Peterson
Sean Standefer
Tom Green
Gloria Reedy
Michael Weidman

STAFF PRESENT:
Andy Galuska, Planning Director
Cyd Donk, Assistant Planner

CALL TO ORDER:
Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:
None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
None.

PLANNING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:
Green – thanked Sean for bringing the UW here for the presentation.
Standefer gave an overview of the UW presentation.
Wiedman – thankful to be here to the first meeting.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Galuska gave an overview of the following:

Fireworks Update
Talked to CSO for the Community Alliance. Passing on contact information for CSO to Peterson to get the ball rolling on working on a project today.

Parliamentary Procedures Training Report with the Board.
Galuska attended the training and wanted to share the information. Information will be e-mailed to everyone next week.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Standefer made a motion to approve the February 7, 2019 meeting minutes as presented of the seconded by Green. All Ayes.

HEARING AND ACTION ITEMS:
None.

DISCUSSION AND STUDY ITEMS:

Shoreline Master Program
Staff presented the periodic update to the Shoreline Master Program. This update is focused on updates recommended by the Department of Ecology and some minor process changes. Staff gave an overview of the bodies of water in Sultan that are affected by the update. The city's SMP is in pretty good shape but it needs to update 4-items:

1. Implementing the DOE Checklist.
2. Updating references to the Sultan Municipal Codes – correcting code that are in referenced in error.
3. Changing Shoreline Substantial Development Permits – change to administrative decisions with public notice instead of to the hearing examiner.
4. Remove the Council decision from CUPs and Shorelines Variance.

The Shoreline Master Program (SMP) is a collection of policies and regulations that the city uses to guide development in the shoreline areas within Sultan's jurisdiction. The shoreline areas are 200-feet upland of designated state shorelines. Sultan has three shorelines of state significance; the Sultan River, the Skykomish River, and a small portion of the Wallace River on the east side of town.

The Shoreline Master Program was last updated in 2008. Jurisdictions routinely update their SMP's to ensure they are working as intended.

The city is making a series of technical changes to comply with recommendations from the Department of Ecology. These changes are largely to adopt our regulations to state level codes changes. We are also making changes to how Shoreline Variances and Shoreline Conditional Use Permits are reviewed and approved. Additional changes can be included if we hear a change is needed from the citizen. That is why it is important that we hear from you if you are affected by these regulations.

Livable City Year
Board member Standefer has requested the board discuss the possibility of preparing an application for the Livable City Year program.

The presentation was provided by Branden Born, Co-Director and Teri Randall, Program Manager for Livable City Year from the University of Washington.

Born sponsored Aubin Phillips when she did her Masters on the Hazard Mitigation Plan with the UW for the city of Sultan so he feels like he is on home ground in Sultan. The Livable City program was modeled after a program from the UW of Oregon. Branden gave an overview of the program. All the information is available on-line as well.

Green asks how can we make Sultan as attractive as Leavenworth? Born stated that having the ability to group a variety of students together to come up with ideas and present is an invaluable resource. With so many students available the ideas are endless.

Peterson states we need to think about the flooding that occasionally happens in Sultan to residents and commercial businesses.

Standefer thinks it's important to have a defendable brand for the city of Sultan. How to make Sultan standout especially with the traffic problems. Traffic, rivers, BNSF railway, State Highway, state funded, Sultan cannot touch the arterials which are the major ingress and egress for Sultan. Standefer Institute may donate to assist the city in getting on board with the LCY program. Born stated that they could let Council know that there are other funding sources available to help with the budget.

Reedy stated that one of the only reasons people come to Sultan is the Bakery. Sultan does not look appealing. Board has a brief discussion of ideas and LCY offers an example of how the team would work to make progress. Standefer asks Born why they think Sultan is attractive to the LCY program? Born stated that they have been talking for a while. Students are not interested in things that are not interesting. They like looking into things that are difficult to solve. This kind of problem solving drives them.

Green asks if someone had a business plan for a business in Sultan, would the LCY be able to match someone with the information they need to make these ideas happen. Born says it's possible.

Weidman asks about making Sultan a theme the town. He lived in Orlando for 38-years and theme parks worked really well down there. Randall stated that the students would do case studies on town that have chosen a theme and with the information received be able to give Sultan a good idea on what worked for other towns and cities.

Standefer moves to adopt a resolution to move this to the city council, Green seconded. All Ayes.

ACTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING:
Public Hearing for the SMP Update.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
None.

PLANNING BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:
Green is excited about the LCY program.

Reedy thought that the city could use a theme.
Peterson states that the Koenig mill would be a great place for Green to have his loggers themed restaurant.

ADJOURNMENT:

Green moved to adjourn and close the meeting, Standefer seconded the motion. All Ayes.

ADJOURNED AT 8:40 P.M.