



## MINUTES

### PLANNING POLICY COMMISSION 6:30 p.m. – Thursday, January 8, 2026

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#### 1. Call to Order

The hybrid meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by CHAIR VOISS.

Commissioners Present: Chair Voiss, Commissioners Adair, Krass (virtual), Millender-Irwin, Oliner, and Zakharoff

Absent: Vice-Chair Patterson and Commissioners Matthews and Mohl-Barouh (Excused)

Staff Present: Kate Kaehny, Principal Planner  
Christen Leeson, Planning Manager

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

- a) Minutes of November 13, 2025

Commissioner Oliner stated that on page three in the third paragraph, a typo exists in the line, *...that the city if interested*. Leeson replied that the word would be changed to *is*.

With no other changes or comments, the Minutes were approved.

#### 3. Public Comments (General)

An audience member who had signed up to speak subsequently declined. There were no other requests to speak.

#### 4. Regular Business (00:04)

- a) **2026 Docket of Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments (D)**  
*Presented by: Kate Kaehny, Principal Planner*

Kaehny presented the topic.

Leeson explained how the 35 different zoning districts function as an umbrella over smaller zone areas and clarified that the Parks department has changed the Park System Plan to reflect that Level of Service for Parks will now be measured by quality rather than quantity.

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COMMISSIONER ADAIR asked for the Puget Sound Regional Council information to be repeated and Kaehny reviewed.

CHAIR VOISS asked for clarification that the Commission could add or remove Amendments. Kaehny replied that recommendations could be asked for at this point, but that once the final docket is established and adopted by Council no further changes can occur. Leeson confirmed. CHAIR VOISS asked for clarification that Council adoption would occur in February and Kaehny replied yes.

## 5. Reports

### a) Council Update (00:28)

Leeson stated that staff had visited Council in September 2025 with work program priorities for the 2026 Calendar year, but as an election was held since, staff will return to Council on March 9, 2026 and the 2026 calendar will be finalized afterward. Until March, there are smaller amendments that will come to the Planning Policy Commission.

## 6. Other Business/Announcements

### a) Upcoming Schedule

Leeson stated that there is a new city Administration. Applications for Boards and Commissions will be available January 16, 2026. Stacy Vynne McKinstry, Sustainability Manager, will return to the Commission regarding the Issaquah Climate Action Plan (ICAP) on February 26, 2026. Thomas Valdriz, Senior Transportation Planner, will return in February or March regarding Light Rail.

Leeson asked if Commissioners would like to take the Housing 101 class in preparation for future housing issues. The response was unanimously in favor and Leeson replied that the class would be scheduled in January or February 2026.

COMMISSIONER ADAIR shared an incident that had occurred due to heavy rain in December, 2025.

CHAIR SHORE asked for any storm repair updates and Leeson replied.

## 7. Adjournment

CHAIR VOISS adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Garza, LLC

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Recording Secretary