



## Planning Commission Meeting

433 Cherry Street, Sumas, WA  
Monday, April 15, 2024, at 5:30 PM

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### Minutes

#### PRESENT

Ex-Officio Josh Clawson  
Carson Cortez, City Planner  
Michelle Quinn, City Clerk

#### Planning Committee

Present  
John VanWingerden  
Helen Solem  
Teresa Josephson  
Lizette Custer  
Jacob Williams, absent

John VanWingerden made a motion to approve March 18, 2024, Minutes, Lizette Custer seconded, all were in favor the motion carried.

Carson Cortez, City Planner, explained that Whatcom County has published the Population and Employment Growth Projections for 2022-2045. This was prepared by a consultant hired by the county and the small cities for the comprehensive plan update. The report is the best prediction of the whole Whatcom County's population growth by 2045.

Carson said historically the City of Sumas has had 1.2% of the population of Whatcom County. The growth population of Sumas will predict how much more housing we would need by 2045. The best guess from this projection would be 697 more in our population by 2045, this is the middle of the purposed growth projection. This calculation will be what the county will use for the population of Sumas. With our limitations of land growth this will be a challenge.

The city has 1.5% of the industrial jobs, 0.3% for retail and 0.3% commercial in the county. The job growth over the next years could show an increase of one hundred and fifty new jobs.

Discussion about low-income housing, the ideal way low-income housing should work. Most of the low-income housing would be in the bigger cities, due to people being able to have access to more amenities, then would trickle to the smaller cities.

Carson stated that the City of Sumas received the Thriving Communities Grant, this is a federal grant for completing design and engineering of projects throughout the city. This grant is for more transportation projects, reconstruction of Sumas Avenue, assisting with the border expansion plan and plan for crosswalks and pedestrian support.

The next meeting will be Monday, May 20, 2024, at 5:30 pm.

John VanWingerden made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Teresa Josephson seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

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City Clerk

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Councilmember Josh Clawson, Ex Officio