



## Planning Commission Meeting

433 Cherry Street, Sumas

Monday, June 17, 2024, at 5:30 PM

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### Minutes

#### Open Meeting

#### Review/Correct and/or Approve Minutes

April 15, 2024, Draft Minutes

Teresa Josephson made a motion to approve April 15, 2024, Lizette Custer seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

#### New Business

##### Community Survey Response Results

Carson Cortez, City Planner, went over the survey responses: there were one hundred and twenty responses received, which is about six-point six percent. This was a great response. A hundred and eight of the responses lived in Sumas, the rest lived outside the city limits. Carson found that the biggest concern on the survey was the flooding situation and how it is being addressed for future flooding.

##### Memo Proposed UGA Expansion Study Areas

Carson Cortez also started the conversation on our Urban Growth Area (UGA) expansion possibility and how to revise and expand the city UGA's areas. Carson is suggesting going west with our expansion growth. This will take the city out of the flood zone; we are trying to plan for more housing in the future. Discussions on the UGA and different areas that would be most logical and what would work with the surrounding areas. Carson explained the official decision on our UGA will be made by Whatcom County. The state is mandating that city allow Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) and an ADU ordinance will need to be in place by June of 2026.

Teresa was wondering if anyone wanted to start going over the chapters of the comprehensive plan looking at the goals and what has been done or if it still applies after the last review in 2016.

## Adjournment

Monday July 15, 2024, will be the next planning commission meeting at 5:30 pm.

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



City Clerk



Councilmember Josh Clawson, Ex Officio