

**CITY OF FIRCREST PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

January 5, 2021
6:00 PM

Fircrest City Hall
115 Ramsdell Street

CALL TO ORDER

Planning and Building Administrator Angelie Stahlnecker called the regular meeting of the Fircrest Planning Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. (meeting was held by remote attendance)

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Kathy McVay, Sarah Hamel, Ben Ferguson, Andrew Imholt, and Shirley Schultz were present. Staff present: Planning and Building Administrator Angelie Stahlnecker and Administrative Assistant Suzie Cappiello.

SELECTION OF CHAIR

McVay moved and Schultz seconded nominating Sarah Hamel to continue as Chair and Kathy McVay to continue as Vice-Chair. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the meeting of December 1, 2020 were presented for approval.

Moved by Imholt and seconded by Ferguson to approve the minutes. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Case No. LU21-01 – FMC 22.26.023 Wall Sign Amendments

Hamel opened the public hearing at 6:04 p.m.

Planning and Building administrator Angelie Stahlnecker presented the staff report. Staff has proposed to change the maximum area of group 1 signs (nonresidential/noncommercial buildings) from 32 square feet to the sliding scale set forth in Table 3. Also, staff proposed to require only signs above a tenant space of a multi-tenant building to be centered. Currently, all wall signs are required to be centered.

Hamel invited public comments. No comments were received.

Hamel closed the public hearing at 6:16 p.m.

Discussion included:

- Sign code does not limit number of signs
- Amendment was initiated by plans for new community center signage
- Desire to remove requirement that signs be centered

Moved by Ferguson and seconded by Shultz to adopt Resolution No. 21-01, a resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of Fircrest, Washington, recommending adoption of amendments to the Fircrest Municipal Code 22.26.023 except for sentence requiring signs to be centered. **Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

2021 Planning Commission Work Plan

Planning and Building Administrator Stahlnecker presented the staff report identifying a draft 2021 work plan for the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission removed wall signs amendments as it has been completed and added review of existing policies for racial bias.

Moved by McVay and seconded by Imholt to approve the 2021 Work Plan as shown in Exhibit A of the staff report and as amended by discussion. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

2021 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Window

Planning and Building Administrator Stahlnecker presented the staff report identifying that the Comprehensive Plan Amendment window will be February 3 – March 31, 2020. No major amendments to the Comprehensive Plan were expected except updates to the 6-year TIP.

Moved by McVay and seconded by McGinnis to approve the 2020 Comprehensive Plan update schedule and set the amendment submission period for March 1 – April 30, 2021 as shown in Exhibit A of the staff report. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Housing Affordability - Presentation.

Planning and Building administrator Angelie Stahlnecker presented a PowerPoint presentation on housing issues in the region. The presentation focused on regional and local statistics and

examples related to housing availability, affordability, equity, and diversity. Staff encourages the Planning Commission to consider small changes to
Discussion included:

- Using THU instead of just AMI when determining need
- Consider sustainability of current homes by allowing conversion of existing structures
- Consider upzone in areas adjacent to commercial or medium density areas
- Want to add density in a responsible way
- Allow people to age in their homes
- Support increase in ADUs
- Recognize there is a fear of renters
- How do we address perceptions and misinformation
- Requested more research on rental houses versus ownership
- For the joint meeting, requesting discussion on rental perception, provide Fircrest examples, policy direction,

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ferguson and seconded by Imholt to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.



Sarah Hamel
Chair, Fircrest Planning Commission



Angelie Stahlnecker
Planning/Building Administrator