



# CHELAN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Chelan County Planning Commission  
Chelan County Community Development VIA ZOOM

Date: September 22, 2021

Called to Order: 7:00 PM  
316 Washington St., Suite 301  
Wenatchee, WA 98801

## CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

## COMMISSIONER PRESENT/ABSENT

<b>Carl Blum</b>	Present	<b>Joel Walinski</b>	Present
<b>Vicki Malloy</b>	Absent	<b>Ed Martinez</b>	Absent
<b>Ryan Kelso</b>	Present	<b>Doug England</b>	Present
<b>Jim Newberry</b>	Absent		
<b>James Wiggs</b>	Present		

## STAFF PRESENT

**Jim Brown, Director**  
**Catherine Lorbeer, Assistant Director**  
**Chris Young, Building Official**  
**Jamie Strother, Planner II**  
**Wendy Lane, Permit Clerk**

## PUBLIC PRESENT

ZOOM MEETING – 29 PARTICIPANTS INCLUDING STAFF AND PC MEMBERS

## MINUTES

Chairman Carl Blum asked the Planning Commission if they had read the minutes from the August 25, 2021, meeting.

Not hearing of any corrections, changes or additions, the minutes were approved.

## PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

## OLD BUSINESS:

## **2021 Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code Amendment Workshop**

Lisa Johnson, from Burk, gave the workshop presentation. Questions and comments, from the Commissioners, were addressed throughout the workshop.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Public Hearing ZTA 21-353 Wenatchee UGA to consider the land use plans, maps and regulations in the Wenatchee Urban Growth Area (UGA) as approved by the City under multiple ordinances.**

Lisa Johnson, from Burk, presented along with Steve Neuenschwander and Matt Parsons. Questions and comments from the Commissioners were addressed after the presentation.

Chairman Carl Blum opened the hearing for public testimony. They were none.

Chairman Carl Blum closed the public portion of the hearing.

### **MOTON:**

Motion made by Commissioner Doug England, seconded by Commissioner Joel Walinski, to approve as presented.

Vote – unanimous

Motion carries.

**Public Hearing ZTA 21-352 Limited Text Amendment to Titles 11, 12 and 14 related to definitions, accessory uses and structures, district use chart, livestock/chickens, and data centers**

Assistant Director Catherine Lorbeer and Building Official Chris Young both gave presentations. Questions and comments made by the Commissioners were addressed. Director Jim Brown contributed as needed.

Chairman Carl Blum opened the hearing for public testimony.

Jodi Pratt, from Leavenworth, testified that she believes that people will continue to break the rules. She is concerned that any law that is put in place will punish everyone rather than just those who violate the rules.

Lindsey Leonard, from Cashmere, objects to the reduction in livestock that can be owned. She believes this is inconsistent with the intention of owning livestock.

Cheryl Krebs, from Manson, agrees with the previous caller concerning livestock. She wants to keep the options open. She likes living in the country and the noises associated with such.

Kristi Cockrum, from Malaga, she is in favor of limited livestock. A neighboring property has a rooster farm of 200 and she believes that people just don't understand the amount of noise that many birds can

make from the hours of 3:00 to 6:00 in the morning. There is more than one property in her area with a large number of roosters.

Charles Moniz, from Wenatchee Heights, feels Code Enforcement should investigate those with large quantities of livestock. Director Jim Brown inserted that the farm in question, in Malaga, complies with current County Code.

Doug Walters, from Valley High, Blewett Pass, wanted to know if there was a problem with roosters, why are hens being restricted.

Garth Ross, from Leavenworth, thought the large number of roosters might be tied to fighting, and therefore under the authority of Animal Control. He stated that there were noises, in the country, that people just have to get use to. Does not want to see farm animals restricted.

Pennie Ross, from Wenatchee, she favors restrictions of roosters. She knows of a situation where Animal Control was called, and it was passed to the Sherriff, who came out and said they need to contact the County Commissioners. Even in the country, one property affects another. She would like the issue addressed.

Chairman Carl Blum closed the public testimony portion of the hearing.

Assistant Catherine Lorbeer gave a clarification on how the Planning Commission could offer recommendations to the County Commissioners.

There was comments and discussion among the group concerning ZTA 21-352 Limited Text Amendment to Titles 11, 12 and 14. Staff facilitated as needed.

### **MOTION:**

Motion made by Commissioner Ryan Kelso, seconded by Commissioner Joel Walinski, to deny removing the footnote on the District Use Chart regarding accessory use structures, approve the footnote regarding SSRTs, approval for the footnote for recreational tourist uses and the addition of data centers to the District Use Chart, recommend denial of the livestock portion, approval for the vehicles portion, approval for the placement of temporary storage containers, and approval of all of the definitions, with the exception of the “remodel” definition

Vote – unanimous

Motion carries.

Director Jim Brown reminds the Planning Commission that the new start time for meetings will be 6:00 pm for the next six months.

### **DISCUSSION, at the CHAIR’s DISCRETION:**

Chairman Carl Blum gave an update on progress of the Short-term Rentals program. Director Jim Brown gave additional details on the launch of the program and new information available on the website.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 pm.**

Next Planning Commission Meeting to be held on October 27, 2021, at 6:00 pm, – a Zoom meeting.

**All Planning Commission meetings and hearings are open to the public.**