

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
PIERCE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

Tuesday, October 27, 2020, 9:30 A.M.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sharon Benson  
Sharon Hanek  
Julie Williams  
Kevin Rau

MEMBERS ABSENT

Katheryn Jerkovich, excused  
Jeff Brown, excused

Clerk: Danica Williams, PPW-PALS

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 a.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present. Copies of all staff reports and related documents under review were made available.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion made** (Williams/Hanek) to adopt the minutes from August 25, 2020. **Motion Passed**

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Sustainability 2030: Pierce County's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan**

Staff presented the Sustainability 2030 Plan: Pierce County's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan update. The proposed plan update would establish a 2030 greenhouse gas reduction target and initial actions for the county to implement as a path toward reaching the target. The proposed plan would work to reduce greenhouse house gas emissions in county operations and community wide.

**Contact:** Stephanie Leisle, Sustainability Coordinator, 253-798-4658

**DISCUSSION**

- Concerns that due to COVID, electrification of buildings, transportation may not be necessary because buildings are empty and less people are on the road. Concerns regarding approval of plan since this is a time of unknown.  
**Response:** This is a 3 year plan as part of a 10 year plan and that will have an update in 3 years to make modifications as necessary.
- What is the diversity inequity issue mentioned?  
**Response:** A lot of communities are not treated the same. With this plan it is a goal to not make things worse for those already burdened (ex: people who live next to I-5)
- Concerns about where the data is coming from in the plan. Different scientists have come to different conclusions.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following members of the public were present and made comment to the Sustainability 2030 Plan:

Wanda Degolier  
Linda Cohan  
Robert Soltess

## **MOTION**

**Motion made** (Williams/ no second) to adopt Sustainability 2030: Pierce County's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan as presented by staff. **Motion failed.**

## **STUDY SESSION**

### **Broadband Related Code Amendments**

Staff presented and discussed potential broadband related code amendments including, but not limited to, Title 18A and Title 18J. In April of 2019 Pierce County completed a countywide broadband access evaluation and found that any area outside of cities do not have the broadband that they need. Broadband is a priority in the county for quality of life and economic development. Staff discussed actionable items presented in the resolution from the Pierce County Council. Consultants provided information on types of broadband equipment.

**Contact:** Jessica Nappi, Senior Planner, 253-798-2389

## **DISCUSSION**

None

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Pending applicant for District 2 vacancy awaiting approval

## **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 pm