

City of Cosmopolis
Workshop Meeting Minutes
Planning Commission and City Council
June 27, 2016
6:00 p.m.

Mayor Frank Chestnut presiding

Councilmembers present: Carl Sperring, Jonathan Fischer, Jim Ancich and Debbie Moran

Planning Commission members present: Ken Cummings, Judi Lohr, Darrin King, Ed VanSyckle, and Bill Newman

Staff present: Public Works Director, Darrin Raines

Mayor Chestnut gave out the list of ideas that were brought up at the previous meeting.

Planning member Darrin King suggested that this area could use a detox or mental health facility.

Planning member Ed Van Syckle asked about the annexation. Mayor Chestnut said the annexation is in the works and would include the golf course, the ridge just past the golf course and the portion of Cosmo property that is in the county.

Mayor Chestnut said there is a citizen with property on First St. that is looking into putting up a professional building or strip mall.

Councilmember Ancich asked about getting some signage in Montesano to divert traffic to Cosmopolis.

Planning member King suggested putting in a mini visitor's center. At that center people would get information on where and when to dig clams, where the fishing is and other suggestions of things to do in the area. He said maybe we could put together a salmon derby. He also said possibly develop an RV park. Maybe put camping spots in the parking lot at Mill Creek and possibly by the old clubhouse.

Planning Chairman Ken Cummings said the City needs to make sure anything that the City does needs to produce revenue and not just being funded by the taxpayers.

Public Works Director Raines said maybe we could get Greater Grays Harbor or a consultant to help put a marketing plan together. Properties on First may not be for sale now but, that doesn't mean they might not be available in the future.

Public Works Director Raines told the group that Dru Garson had said that there are UW interns that are doing projects that help communities organize economic and community development. Maybe we can put together a project for them that they can market what property is available. Planning member Van Syckle suggested finding university students that grew up in Cosmopolis that would be willing to come here and work on projects like this.

Planning member Van Syckle also suggested business owners that grew up in Cosmopolis to move their business to Cosmopolis.

Councilmember Fischer suggested a fabric covering for Lions Club Park so the park could be rented out all year long.

Mayor Chestnut went through the list of suggestions for the group. Marijuana shop, for profit jail, solid food waste conversion facility, annexation of properties, assisted living facility, boat launch, galleries, light manufacturing, signage in Monte to divert traffic to Cosmopolis, mini visitor center, salmon derby, RV park, market the City using college interns, facilitate landing businesses from former Cosmopolis students, professional buildings, camping in the parks and putting a cover on Lions Park in order to rent throughout the year.

Meeting adjourned.

Finance Director

Attest:

Mayor

