

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES PLANNING COMMISSION YEAR – END REPORT



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STAFF REPORT

- Review of accomplishments in 2023
- Review of new projects in 2024
- Recommendations from Planning Commission
- Review of each meeting with vote



PLANNING COMMISSION

2023 Accomplishments - Long Range Planning

- ✓ Resolution No. 23-02: The 2023 Comprehensive Plan Docket which included ongoing amendments such as Implementation of the Housing Action Plan (HAP), Joint Planning and Urban Growth Area discussions with Island County, the Active Transportation Plan (ATP), and Industrial land use changes, along with the addition of a Downtown and Marina Expansion Study as well as an Alternate Street Connection Plan.
- ✓ Ordinance No. 1969, amending OHMC Chapter 19.20, Articles XVIII and XVI, regarding standards for the OS (Open Space) zone district.”
- ✓ Ordinance No. 1970, amending OHMC Section 20.04.100 - Thresholds for categorical exemptions.
- ✓ Ordinance No. 1976, amending OHMC Sections 17.05.030 and 17.05.060 relating to “Plan Check Fees and Building Permit Expiration.”



ONGOING PROJECTS

- Comprehensive Plan Updates
- Implement Housing Action Plan
- Stormwater NPDES Phase II Conformance
- Shoreline Restoration Plan
- Flood Control Ordinance



NEW PROJECTS

Upcoming Text Amendments to Oak Harbor Municipal Code

- Housing – review and advance new density requirements per state law
- Housing – continue to develop multi-family tax exemption program
- Land Use Fee Schedule Update
- Temporary Use of R.V.'s on construction sites

Upcoming Projects:

- 2024-2025 Comprehensive Plan Update
- Partner w/County – Interlocal Agreement Update
- Active Transportation Plan
- Alternate Street Connection Plan
- Serendipity Lane
- Central Development Sub-Area Planning
- Vision to Action Plan - Center for Creative Recycling
- Downtown Waterfront Planning – Dahlin Group



COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

- ❑ Housing: Advocate for short-term solutions to quickly address housing issues. Develop a short-range plan along with the long-range plans for housing, prioritizing affordable housing for service workers.
- ❑ Sustainability: Explore sustainability and options for smaller projects; assist with programs which may provide students with experience in sustainability.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

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