

Lewis County Planning Commission

Public Meeting

In-Person & Virtual Meeting via Zoom

August 11, 2026 - Meeting Notes

Planning Commissioners Present: Jason Alves, District 1; Jeff Skutley, District 2; Frank Corbin, District 3; Roger Moore, At-Large; Gretchen Fritsch, District 3; Nate Carpenter, District 1; Robert Hankins, District 2

Staff Present: Mindy Brooks, Director of Community Development; Natalie Kamieniecki, Senior Long Range Planner; Kylie Peckham, Office Assistant Senior;

Materials Used:

- Agenda
- Draft Meeting Notes – July 28, 2026

1. Zoom Guidelines

The clerk dispensed with the Zoom Guidelines.

2. Call to Order

A. Determination of a Quorum

7 Commissioners were present; there was a quorum.

3. Agenda & Meeting Minutes

The Chair asked for consent to approve the agenda for August 11, 2026 and the meeting minutes from July 28, 2026. There were no corrections. There was consent to accept as presented.

4. Public Comment

There were no members of the public who wished to provide comments.

5. Public Hearing

A. Family Burial Grounds

Natalie Kamieniecki, Senior Long Range Planner for Community Development, gave a presentation on Family Burial Grounds. *See presentation for details.*

Commissioner Skutley moved to transmit a letter to the Board of County Commissioners recommending approval of amendments to the Lewis County Code as presented in the August 3 staff report, related to the family burial grounds with the following amendments, strike the 4th paragraph of 17.10 "C" definitions and on page 14, Ref 17.142.110 item (3) (H) strike Class A from the paragraph.

Seconded by Commissioner Moore.

Mindy and Natalie concur that there is an error on page 2 of the staff report Lewis County Code Chapter 17.10 under definitions, 17.10.03.0 the 4th paragraph, and that entire sentence should be stricken from the definitions.

Natalie responded to the motion with the following: The state law says "class A fireproof construction" and staff believe that we should reference the RCW language directly. We have discussed this with the Building Official, and he is clear on what "class A fireproof construction" means. I also want to note that the RCWs in other locations also reference class A, such as in the Wildland Urban Interface, or WUI, RCW where the law says, "class A rating". If the Planning Commission would like to proceed with an amendment, we would recommend the following:

"Any mausoleum, crypt, or columbarium shall be constructed of class A rated material, as required by Chapter 68.74.020 (2) RCW, and comply with the currently adopted International Building Code and all applicable county building and fire codes."

Motion fails 7-0

Commissioner Carpenter moved to transmit a letter to the Board of County Commissioners recommending approval of amendments to the Lewis County Code as presented in the August 3 staff report, related to the family burial grounds with the following amendments, strike the 4th paragraph of 17.10 "C" definitions and on amend 17.142.110(3)(h) to read "any mausoleum crypt or columbarium shall be constructed to class A rated material as required by 68.74.0202 RCW and comply with the International Building Code and all applicable building and fire codes."

Seconded by Commissioner Hankins.

Motion Passes. 6-0. Note – Commissioner Alves lost connection via Zoom during voting.

6. Good of the Order:

A. Staff

Mindy – Mindy gave a presentation on training and questions to staff. *See presentation for details.*

Cannabis Retail is up for Public Hearing on August 18 at 10 am. There is a workshop tomorrow at 9 am. Mindy invites Commissioners to log in via zoom and listen to the presentation.

Natalie - No items for good of the order.

B. Planning Commissioners

No items for good of the order.

7. Calendar:

The next Planning Commission meeting will be on August 25, 2026, and the agenda item will be Code Maintenance.

8. Adjourn

Commissioner Moore made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm.