

Lewis County Planning Commission

Public Meeting

In-Person & Virtual Meeting via Zoom

August 25, 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 – August 11, 2026

1. Zoom Guidelines

The clerk dispensed with the Zoom Guidelines.

2. Call to Order

A. Determination of a Quorum

6 Commissioners were present; there was a quorum. Gretchen joined the meeting at 6:04pm bringing the total number of Planning Commissioners present to 7.

3. Agenda & Meeting Minutes

The Chair asked for consent to approve the agenda for August 25, 2026 and the meeting minutes from August 11, 2026. There were no corrections. There was consent to accept as presented.

4. Public Comment

Joanna Hall, of Federal Way, provided comment introducing herself as a potential new property owner in Centralia.

5. Workshop

A. Code Maintenance

Natalie gave a short presentation on Code Maintenance. Natalie asked for commissioner questions. *See presentation for details.*

Commissioner Skutley asked how big the Fords Prairie sewage problem is. Mindy and Natalie responded that they cannot provide an answer at this time and his question would have to be answered by staff from Environmental Health. Note, the amendment to that section of code is a correction to the RCW referenced; no other substantive amendments are proposed.

Gretchen confirmed the maximum number of occupants for Short Term Rentals is 2 people per permitted bedroom plus 3 additional people. A three-bedroom STR has a maximum occupancy of 9 people.

6. Good of the Order:

A. Staff

Mindy - Cannabis retail was approved by the BOCC for Packwood UGA only.

Natalie - No items for Good of the Order.

B. Planning Commissioners

Commissioner Corbin reminded the Planning Commission to send questions to Staff prior to meetings.

Commissioner Fritsch asked Mindy when STR meetings will take place. Mindy confirmed when and where meetings will take place.

7. Calendar:

The September 8 Planning Commission meeting has been cancelled. The next time we meet will be on September 22, 2026 with a Public Hearing on Code Maintenance Amendments.

8. Adjourn

Commissioner Alves made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.