

Upcoming City Council Agenda Items

November 15, 2016

7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting:

- Presentation of support request regarding employment of military service members
- Public Hearing on proposed 2016 Comprehensive Plan Amendment – adopt Ordinance 2317
- Public Hearing on 2017 Property Tax Levy – adopt Ordinance 2320
- Public Hearing on 2017 Budget
- Action on letter of support for south UGA code amendment
- Discussion on open government initiatives update
- Discussion on City quarterly magazine update

The agenda list above is partial and tentative. For further information, click here for the City website: <http://www.snohomishwa.gov/AgendaCenter/City-Council/Agendas-1>

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Stormwater Related Code Amendments Adopted

On November 1, the City Council held a public hearing and adopted Ordinance 2315, which amended several sections of the Snohomish Municipal Code and adopted the 2012 Department of Ecology (Ecology) Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington. Adoption of the 2012 Manual and code amendments were required by December 31 to comply with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II permit. The NPDES permit is regulated by Ecology, and is renewed periodically.

One of the primary changes in the 2012 Manual is a larger focus on Low Impact Development (LID) stormwater techniques, such as rain gardens, use of pervious materials and minimizing clearing and grading. The objective of LID is to have developed land mimic the hydrologic characteristics of pre-developed land in its natural state of vegetation. This means more rain water going back into the ground, instead of being stored in vaults and ponds before ultimately getting conveyed to the rivers and Puget Sound. Now that the 2012 Manual is adopted, proponents for new development are required to check to see if on-site infiltration is possible for managing and treating stormwater.

Many jurisdictions are used to the old way of doing things, so the codes and regulations were not set up to encourage this type of development. Several “barriers” to LID had to be removed from the code, and language inserted to encourage it in new development.

In the City of Snohomish, the codes regulating stormwater runoff are largely contained in Chapter 15.16 (Stormwater Management) of the Snohomish Municipal Code, however applicable regulations may also be found in Title 14, the Land Use Development Code, as well as the Engineering Design and Construction Standards. Various changes were made to all three documents, in order to facilitate LID and comply with the requirements of the City’s NPDES permit.

More information on this project, including a copy of the Ordinance, may be found on the City’s website at the following link: <http://wa-snohomish.civicplus.com/496/2016-Stormwater-LID-Code-Amendments>.

SNOHOMISH POLICE DEPARTMENT REMODEL UPDATE

The much anticipated remodel of the Snohomish Police Department has begun and the progress is exciting. The construction crew showed up at the police department on October 10 and the deconstruction started right away. After three days of demolition, this photo (below left) was what the inside of the building looked like:



The two photos above show the inside of the police department as the old walls were starting to be demolished and as new walls were being constructed. The photo on the left is the view standing in the conference room looking into the report writing area and the photo on the right is what it looks like now.



The two photos above show two different angles of the same space. The one on the left is standing at the receptionist's desk looking toward the administrative offices after removing walls, and the one on the right is standing at the administrative offices looking toward the receptionist area now. The entire remodel project is expected to last 5-6 weeks, using funds that were awarded to the City of Snohomish as a result of successful narcotics investigations where illegal funds were seized, under federal statute, and then shared with the City to assist and further future drug investigations. No General Fund or standard City Capital Fund sources are committed to the remodel project.

Weekly Newsletter

Flood Risk Open House

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has issued preliminary maps showing revisions to the 100-year floodplain along the Snohomish and Pilchuck Rivers. The maps identify areas at risk of flooding. The final maps are used to make flood insurance and development decisions.

Snohomish County is hosting two open houses for the public to review the draft flood maps. FEMA representatives, as well as City and County representatives, will be available to answer residents' questions about the proposed revisions to the maps and how individual properties might be affected.

The open houses will be 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. with a presentation at 6:15 p.m. They will be:

- Monday, November 28, at the Snohomish County Campus located at 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, Everett, WA in the Robert Drewel Building, 1st Floor, Public Meeting Room; and
- Monday, December 12, 2016 at the Sultan High School Commons, 13715 310th Avenue SE, Sultan, WA.

Interested property owners are invited to attend either meeting to find out how their property may be affected by the map revisions.

If you have questions please contact Glen Pickus, Planning Director, 360-282-3173 or pickus@snohomishwa.gov.

You can view the preliminary maps online at www.snohomishwa.gov/499/Revised-Flood-Insurance-Rate-Maps or in person at City Hall.

More information about flooding and flood safety in general is available at:

snohomishcountywa.gov/2149/River-Flooding
snohomishcountywa.gov/796/Flood-Information-Center
snohomishcountywa.gov/934/Flood-Awareness

To learn more about federal flood insurance go to www.floodsmart.gov.

2016 Calendar:

Design Review Board

Wednesday, November 9
Regular Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
City Hall Conference Room
116 Union Avenue

Hal Moe Pool Advisory Committee

Thursday, November 10
Special Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
Snohomish Senior Center
504 Fourth Street

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 15
Regular Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
George Gilbertson Boardroom
1601 Avenue D

**Reminder: City Hall will be closed
on Friday, November 11 in
observance of Veterans Day**

Ferguson Park Frontage and Food Bank Parking Area Improvements

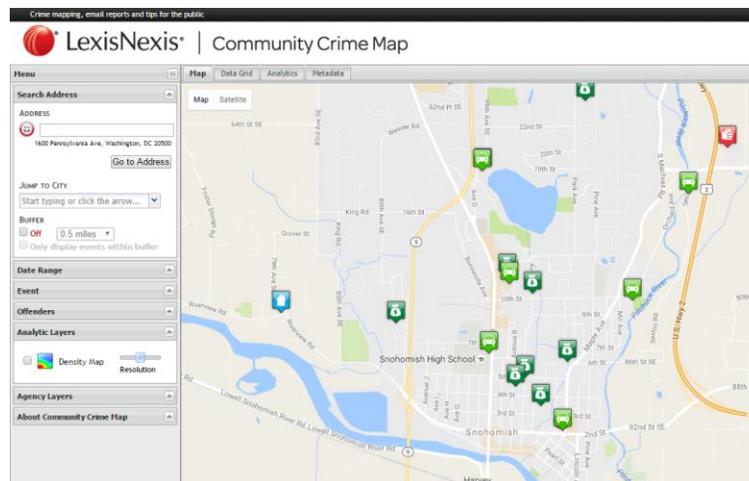
This week, Parks and Streets staff started the Ferguson Park frontage and Snohomish Food Bank parking area improvements. The terrain of the wide gravel area in front of Ferguson Park (along Oak Street) that the food bank also uses for parking on distribution days was very rough and full of large potholes, making it difficult for patrons to roll their full shopping carts to their cars. In addition, the area has been a storm water collection area due to being lower in elevation than the surrounding roadway and park.

Staff decided the only way to fix the problem is to reshape the parking area so that the water is diverted away from the parking area and into the roadway storm system. Staff re-graded the area and placed a thick layer of compacted recycled asphalt grindings over the entire parking area. This has been a major improvement to the parking area for both the Food Bank and Ferguson Park patrons. Excellent work by City staff at a minimal cost!

New Interactive Crime Mapping Program

The Snohomish Police Department is pleased to announce the release of a new interactive neighborhood crime mapping program, <https://communitycrimemap.com/>. This web-based crime mapping system builds on the regional police records system shared by all Snohomish County police agencies (New World) by taking data from police reports and putting it on a map. Citizens can select what crime types they want to view and see where those crimes are occurring over time periods they have selected. The system can display “heat maps” showing concentrations of the crimes that citizens are viewing on the map. Each crime incident can be expanded to show additional information about the incident, such as the specific crime that was listed in the police report, the report number, the date and time the incident was reported, and the general location the incident occurred. To protect privacy, the actual incident location is randomly offset on the map display. Citizens also have the ability to sign up for email crime alerts about crimes they want to be aware of within a certain distance of their homes, workplaces and schools.

This program is an excellent tool to promote awareness, public safety and community involvement.



Highlighted Land Use Applications in Process

The applications listed below are currently pending or under review. During the comment period associated with a development proposal, interested parties may submit comments for the project record. For additional information on any of these projects, the project file may be reviewed at City Hall during normal business hours. Staff is also available to respond to questions at the contact information below.

Riverview South Preliminary Plat – 14-lot Planned Residential Development: 502 Ludwig Road (tax parcel 28051300202400, formerly addressed as 2210 Second Street)

File #16-16-PP

Complete application determination issued November 8, 2016. Notice of Application pending. A public hearing before the Hearing Examiner will be scheduled following environmental (SEPA) review. More information: Brooke Eidem, Associate Planner, 360-282-3167, eidem@snohomishWA.gov

Pine Avenue Mixed Use Building: 62X Pine Avenue (tax parcel 00435900202500)

File #15-16-ADP

Complete application determination issued November 8, 2016. Notice of Application and SEPA Threshold Determination pending.

More information: Brooke Eidem, Associate Planner, 360-282-3167, eidem@snohomishWA.gov

Cady Landing Pedestrian Bridge: 40 Maple Avenue

File #06-16-SEPA

Pending SEPA Threshold Determination.

More information: Brooke Eidem, Associate Planner, 360-282-3167, eidem@snohomishWA.gov

Bickford Landing Comprehensive Plan Amendment: 2424 and 2501 Bickford Avenue

File #08-16-SEPA

The request is for a Land Use Map amendment and rezone from Business Park to High Density Residential. Comprehensive Plan amendments are an annual legislative process and decision of the City Council following “nonproject” environmental review and a recommendation by the Planning Commission.

Determination of Non-Significance issued September 12, 2016.

Planning Commission Public Hearing held on November 2, 2016.

City Council Public Hearing on November 15, 2016; agenda will be available on November 10, 2016 at:

www.snohomishwa.gov/AgendaCenter/City-Council-Agendas-1

More information: Brooke Eidem, Associate Planner, 360-282-3167, eidem@snohomishWA.gov

For a complete list of all land use and development projects currently in review, please visit the City’s website.

<http://www.snohomishwa.gov/179/Development-Projects>