

Anacortes Planning Commission Minutes - February 11, 2026

Roll Call

Chairperson Linda Martin called to order the Anacortes Planning Commission meeting of February 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners William McCombs, Frank Jeretzky, Linda Martin and Mike Mills were present.

Commissioner Paul Ryan was absent. Will McCombs moved to excuse Paul Ryan and Linda Martin seconded. All Ayes.

Pledge of Allegiance

The assembly joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Minutes of 12/10/2025 were submitted for approval

Minutes from December 10th, were submitted for approval. Linda Martin asked not to approve minutes at this time, asking for revisions to be made first.

Public Comment

Chairperson Linda Martin invited the public to comment on any item not on the agenda.

No one present wished to address the Council on any topic not already on the agenda. No comments.

Public Hearings

No Public Hearing

Other Business

Election of Officers

Planning Commissioner Linda Martin advised that there would be two officials being elected for today's meeting: Chair and Vice-Chair.

Linda Martin nominates Frank Jeretzky for Chair.

William McCombs seconds the motion.

No other nominations, closed nominations.

Linda Martin asked all in favor of having Frank Jeretzky as Chair.

All Ayes.

The new Chairperson, Frank Jeretzky, asked if anyone would like to nominate the Vice-Chair.

Mike Mills nominated Linda Martin for Vice-Chair.

William McCombs seconds the motion.

No discussion.

Frank Jeretzky asked all in favor of having Linda Martin as Vice-Chair.

All Ayes.

Discussion of Planning Commission Meeting Day

Chairperson Frank Jeretzky advised the planning commission that there has been some discussion that Wednesdays do not work for everyone, and they would like to change the meeting dates.

Mike Mills advised conflicts with having the meetings on Wednesdays and is asking to possibly change the date.

Frank Jeretzky asked what is preferred for the change.

Linda Martin would prefer Tuesdays.

Linda Martin motioned to move the planning commission meetings to Tuesday evenings.

Frank Jeretzky asked a clarifying question about which weeks of the month, 2nd and 4th week of each month.

Linda Martin advised that the motion did not include which weeks would be included, just the day of the week. She also clarified that the mayor only wants the planning commission to meet once a month and no longer twice a month.

John Coleman weighed in about what the mayor discussed with him previously. He advised having meetings once a month will not hold up projects and will be exclusively on development regulations and comprehensive plans. It would be fine having it once a month on Tuesdays now. However, the mayor and planning department would be fine with having it scheduled twice a month and canceling the ones not needed. He also advised they should review the code.

Linda Martin advised the motion, just to change the day of the week to Tuesdays.

William McCombs seconds the motion.

All Ayes.

Linda Martin advised the planning commission procedures and referenced section 3a for meeting requirements.

John Coleman also pulled the municipal code AMC2.42 Planning Commission and there are no requirements for meeting times or dates.

Frank Jeretzky asked if John Coleman had heard if the mayor had any recommendations?

John Coleman does not want to speak for the mayor, but advised what was discussed previously.

Linda Martin asked staff which Tuesday would work for them.

Libby Grage and John Coleman both confirmed that the 2nd Tuesday of each month would work.

William McCombs asked if it could be the third Tuesday instead.

Frank Jeretzky asked for a motion for the third Tuesday each month.

William McCombs motioned for the third Tuesday of each month.

Mike Mills seconded the motion.

No discussion.

All Ayes.

John Coleman asked when this would go into effect.

Frank Jeretzky advised next month it would go into effect.

Confirmed March 17th at 6pm.

William McCombs at the end of the meeting advised that the third Tuesday would not work and asked for the second instead.

William McCombs motioned for the second Tuesday of each month.

Mike Mills seconded the motion.

No discussion.

All Ayes.

Effective March 10th at 6pm.

Planning Department Update

Slide Presentation

Planning Director, John Coleman went over a slide presentation for the 17th St Cottages, 2025 Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulation Amendments.

Upcoming:

-Critical Areas Regulations Periodic Update — Will be completed by the end of the year (12/31/2026)

-Shoreline Master Program Periodic Update — Libby Grage advised that the project started in 2019 and recommended approval in 2022. Adoption has been delayed since.

-Development Regulation Amendments — Lot splitting still needs to be addressed, similarity for lot subdivisions.

-2026 Annual Amendment Process (Docket) — Notice has been put out for comments which need to be submitted before March 31st.

Linda Martin had a question about the cost to put something on the docket.

Libby Grage advised that there is an initial fee and if it is docketed then there will be an additional fee.

Linda Martin asked if it would be thousands of dollars.

John Coleman advised it is possible it would be \$1800.

Linda Martin asked if it would be the initial fee, just to be put on the docket?

John Coleman advised it would be a lesser amount.

William McCombs would like a point of clarification and if something was to be re-zoned, would they do it through the docket process?

John Coleman confirmed.

-Impact Fees Update — (Not Planning Commission work items) completing studies for the next 20-year plan and fees that need to match that.

Linda Martin asked if this would directly impact the school district?

John Coleman advised that the schools would collect fees.

Mike Mills had a question about the impact fees on ADU's, and he wants to see or know if this will be accounted for this time?

John Coleman advised that the city council had been made aware.

-Planning Commission Members — Resolution for re-setting terms and the 2 vacancies needed.

Linda Martin advised that the procedure states 6 votes needed.

John Coleman advised that once vacancies have been filled that they can address this issue.

Frank Jeretzky asked about if anyone would be voting for 4-year terms.

-Downtown Streetscapes Project — Will allow for a trail for people to walk through the town, with sidewalk improvements. The presentation will be at city council on March 16th.

Frank Jeretzky and John Coleman talked about other towns' pathways, such as using brass for the walkways.

Adjournment

Chairperson Frank Jeretzky adjourned the meeting at 6:47pm.