

Anacortes Planning Commission Minutes - July 14, 2026

Roll Call

Chairperson Frank Jeretzky called to order the Anacortes Planning Commission meeting of July 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners Jill Underwood, William McCombs, Linda Martin, Tarn Ohana and Mike Mills were present.

Commissioner Chad Sage was absent.

Will McCombs motioned to excuse Chad Sage. Linda Martin seconded the motion.

All Ayes.

Pledge of Allegiance

The assembly joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Minutes of 06/09/2026 submitted for approval

June 9th, 2026 minutes submitted for approval.

Linda Martin motioned to approve the minutes. Mike Mills seconded the motion.

All Ayes.

Public Comment

Chairperson Frank Jeretzky opened it up to the public to make comments at 6:02pm.

No public comments.

Closed the public comments at 6:03pm.

Public Hearings

No public hearing.

Other Business

Amendments to AMC Title 19 Unified Development Code – Permit Streamlining

Planning Manager, Libby Grage, presented to the Planning Commission the Amendments to AMC Title 19 Unified Development Code — Permit Streaming in a slide presentation. Libby went over the implementation of the Mayor's Executive Order on permit streamlining. This amendment is intended to improve the efficiency, predictability, and organization of the City's development review process.

Discussion Topics:

- Clarification on the reduced objective numeric standards
- Clarification of the term "project permit" definition
- Differences between Preliminary Projects and Site Plan Permits approvals with the benefits for each.
- Questions about Ongoing Compliance and whether it is being monitored.
- Removing Fence Permits as a requirement and how it will be enforced to follow code.
- Clarification on AMC19.20.040(2)(C) in waiving the timeline of the building/construction permit when permits are reviewed concurrently.
- When the 5-10% reduction decision is made in AMC19.21.200(C)(1).
- Word consideration changes
- AMC19.21.200(A) wording, making it broader.
- Clarification on why a Site Plan Review is needed for interior remodels that result in adding bedrooms.

- Clarification on AMC19.38.060 and whether that is already in the code somewhere else.
- AMC19.38.030 about engineered plans prepared.

Libby Grage advised that minor changes will be made to the code prior to it going to the public for comments.

No vote needed.

Planning Department Update

Planning, Community, and Economic Development Director John Coleman provided updates on previous projects and items that have been reviewed by the Planning Commission previously. He also went over the previous City Council meeting about the presentation of the "streetscape" plan for downtown. He then went over the next couple of meeting dates that were presented in the last meeting and what will be presented on those future dates.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.