Planning Commission Meeting
Minutes for – October 11, 2017

Chair Laumbattus called the meeting of October 11, 2017 to order at approximately 6 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: Commissioners Laumbattus, Mount, Cleland-McGrath, Oppel, Moffitt, & Doll
Members Absent: Commissioner McNett

Minutes

Minutes of September 27, 2017 approved as read.

Correspondence

None

New Business

Draft Affordable Housing Strategic Plan

Don Measamer, Planning Director, provided a background on the strategic plan. Joann Stewart, Planning Administrative Assistant, and Liz Lovelett, City Council member, provided a presentation on how the strategic plan was created using the goals and policies of the 2016 Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioners questioned the potential for using city land, the relationship between the housing need and available jobs, and Home Trust. Mr. Measamer stated the city owns property by Sharpes Corner, which is being evaluated for suitability of affordable housing, and other city owned lots are further from high density areas, providing the potential to sell. Ms. Lovelett stated that an approach that includes workforce housing and child care could contribute to the live/work balance. Ms. Lovelett clarified Home Trust provides down payment assistance in order to buy a house, while the trust owns the land.

Vernon Lauridsen, 2219 32nd St. Mr. Lauridsen spoke in favor of the plan as Vice Chair of the Anacortes Housing Authority, and a member of the community advisor committee who contributed towards the 2016 Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Oppel made a motion to recommend approval to City Council. Commissioner Cleland-McGrath seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Laumbattus called the meeting to a close at approximately 7:00 p.m.