

City of Stanwood
Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission
June 8, 2026 | 6:30 PM

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Patrick Hosterman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Attendance:

Commissioners Present: Staff Present:

Richard Craig

Patricia Love, Community Development Director

Patrick Hosterman, Chair Audrey Rotrock, Planner

Doug Standish

Rachelle Pedersen

Absent: Eric Warnat, Gabrielle Braley

Also known to be present: Josh Knabe, Kai Cardon

Public Requests and Comments: None

3. Public Requests and Comments

4. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 13, 2026 Planning Commission meeting were approved with a change to the Roll Call and members present.

a. May 11, 2026 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

5. Unfinished Business

a. Climate Change Assessment

The Planning Commission has been introduced to the state mandate requiring local jurisdictions to update their Comprehensive Plans to include a new Climate Change and Resiliency Element. This new Climate Element must incorporate goals and policies intended to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, improve community resilience to climate impacts, and address localized climate risks and vulnerabilities.

As part of this effort, one of the first steps toward developing climate policies specific to Stanwood is completing a climate hazards analysis. The City's consultant, Maul Foster & Alongi, put together a memorandum that summarizes the assessment methodology and associated maps.

From this work, policy direction can be developed to ensure that Stanwood's Comprehensive Plan responds proactively to climate-related risks while

ensuring public safety. It is important to identify both the physical areas that may be affected and the populations that may experience disproportionate impacts. In accordance with state guidance documents, the memorandum outlined the process used to identify Stanwood's vulnerable populations, community assets, and potential natural hazards.

This assessment utilized mapping tools, climate hazard datasets, and future climate projections to better understand how climate-related events may affect the community over time. It provides baseline information regarding Stanwood's community characteristics, built environment, and natural systems. This information will assist the City in developing future climate-related goals and policies that are informed by local conditions consistent with state requirements.

Commissioner Questions & Comments (to be answered at the July meeting)

- Since the majority of the city is already developed, how will climate change policies and regulations affect existing homes and businesses?
- We cannot require existing structures to be retrofitted after the fact. Given that limitation, should the City's primary role be to serve as a resource for information and education?
- What agencies, such as the PUD, offer rebate or incentive programs that could help residents and businesses reduce energy consumption and improve energy efficiency?
- What options are available to help residents and businesses adopt a greener lifestyle?
- What are the City's largest sources of greenhouse gas emissions?
- As a community that is nearing buildout, what are the most significant climate change challenges facing Stanwood?
- What actions can the City take that would produce meaningful climate-related results given our size and level of development?

The Commission would also like to receive the results of the public survey prior to their July meeting.

6. New Business

a. Multimodal Level of Service Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan Amendment

As part of the City's 2025 Workplan, staff began working on the development of a Multimodal Level of Service (MMLOS) standard. This initiative responds to the State mandate and community goal to create a more inclusive and comprehensive approach to transportation planning. Rather than focusing solely on vehicular traffic, the MMLOS framework is designed to evaluate and plan for all modes of travel—including motor vehicles, pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users. The ultimate goal is to ensure that the transportation

network supports safe, efficient, and comfortable mobility for individuals of all ages and abilities.

A multimodal concurrency and LOS program(s) must meet the requirements of the Growth Management Act and Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) VISION 2050. Below are typical MMLOS units of measurements used by agencies in Washington.

Commissioner Questions & Comments

The Planning Commission looks forward to getting more information on the Comprehensive Plan amendments and concurrency procedures for the Multimodal Level of Service Ordinance.

7. Miscellaneous Business

8. Recent Council Action on Commission Items

- a. Grading and Stormwater Code Amendment**
- b. Permitted Use Matrix and Development Standards Code Amendment**

9. Upcoming Items

- a. Development Design Standards**

10. Adjourn

7:43 p.m.

City of Stanwood

Attest:

Sid Roberts, Mayor

Lisa Sokolik, City Clerk