The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM.

Members Present: Sue Walsh, Gail Fleming, Roger Gage, Christy Korrow
Absent: Ron Kasprisin
Staff: Jack Lynch, Cheryl Knighton, Doug Yormick

Sue Walsh opened the meeting at 3:00PM.

Jack reminded everyone of the Public Records and the Open Public meetings training on Feb. 24 at 7:00pm. If you can’t attend you will need to watch the webinar.

The minutes were reviewed, Cheryl will send out Jan. 20 minutes again as not everyone received them.

Jack went over the executive summary and said there is still work to be done. Doug will get Gail’s comments entered and get the Arts and the Land Use Elements uploaded on to the website.

Sieb Jurricaans was introduced to the board as the newly appointed alternate to the PAB.

Emails from the public have been received and they will be compiled and then discussed at the meeting following the public hearing which would be March 2 at the next work session. Primarily they are from Leanne Finley and residents of Sunrise Lane. Melissa Sawatzky from Sunrise Land read a statement from her family. A letter from her husband will be an addendum (##1) to these minutes.

Jack gave a report on the meeting he and Doug attended at the county. He said they did “some” adjustments to their numbers and they will go back to the cities and revisit the percentages. Jack explained what they were (percentages) and how they could affect the proposed PGA, JPA, and UGA. It really comes down to everyone agreeing on the projected growth.

Sieb asked about how this would relate to the UGA. Jack explained the reduction and how it came about through population projections from the county.

Roger asked about NAS and the potential growth in Oak Harbor. Jack said the base has not grown and they are actually reducing personnel and thinking of renting out housing. But they did factor the base into the growth percentages. There will be another meeting later this month to look at policies and codes and that they are looking at August for adoption, but we will be keeping our schedule.

Suggestions for Code Amendments

Jack said there was a request that came in to re-zone the two lots up on 2nd street where the Whidbey Tele building sits. The request was to re-zone it to neighborhood/business. He thinks it is a good idea.

The DRB would like to go back to their original responsibility as a “decision” making board instead of the current “advisory” board. Jack recommends that.
He handed out an outline of several amendments that he feels the board should consider. (Attached as addendum #2) Also a memo regarding incentives for affordable housing (addendum #3).

Christy Korrow spoke on Upper Langley’s group and their experience in the flexibility of Ordinance 18.04 Affordable Housing. She feels there should be some amendments clarifying some items.

Next Meeting February 17 at 3:00PM followed by Public Hearing at 6:30PM

Meeting adjourned: 5:00 PM