



CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
January 6, 2026, 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Sauskojus called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Kelley Sauskojus
Commissioner Jeff Todd
Commissioner Grifan Cayce
Commissioner Pam McCain
Commissioner Tommy Paramo
Position #6 Vacant
Commissioner Heather Asante via Zoom

Staff: Interim Community Development Director, Andrew Williamson
Assistant Planner, Jodie Barnett
Deputy City Clerk, Carina Thornquist
IT Staff, Jake Kapsandy

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 1) Regular Planning Commission Meeting of October 7, 2025, and Special Planning Commission Meeting of November 18, 2025.

There were no changes to October 7, 2025 minutes or the November 18, 2025 minutes and they were approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Geoff Bowie from Black Diamond spoke to Commissioners.
Kristen Bryant from Bellevue spoke to Commissioners.
Gwen Derdowski from Enumclaw spoke to Commissioners.
Brian Derdowski from Enumclaw spoke to Commissioners.

PUBLIC HEARING – None
STUDY/WORK SESSION - None
UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS –

2) Vote for Chair and Vice Chair

Vice Chair Sauskojus read the duties of the Chair and Vice-Chair position and verified that there were a minimum of 5 members present to vote. She also went over the procedure of the voting process. Commissioners may nominate another Commissioner for a position, or they can nominate themselves. The person nominated will have the right to accept or decline the nomination. Once all nominations have been made, the vote will take place having Commissioners voting 'Yes' for only (1) one candidate. The person with the majority of votes will be elected.

Commissioner McCain nominated herself for Vice-Chair and she accepted the nomination. Vice Chair nominated Commissioner Asante and she accepted the nomination. **Vote for Commissioner McCain**, motion failed **2-4 (Sauskojus, Todd, Cayce, Asante)**. **Vote for Commissioner Asante**, motion passed **4-2 (McCain, Paramo)** .

Commissioner Asante nominated Commissioner Sauskojus for Chair and she accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. **Vote**, motion passed **6 - 0**.

3) Review Policy and Procedures (Municipal Code and Rules and Procedures)

Vice Chair Sauskojus explained to the Planning Commission that the Municipal Code takes precedence overall, and then the Rules and Procedures are based off of those. She advised the Commissioners to take them home and review them before the next meeting.

4) Future Work Plan

Interim Community Development Director William gave a brief background and went over the timeline.

Back and forth discussion took place between the Commissioners and Mr. Williamson.

Director Williamson reminded everyone that the next meeting will be a Special Meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2026. The discussion of the meeting schedule continued and the February meetings would be confirmed at this meeting.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT REPORT –

Mr. Williamson reported briefly on the following items:

- Commercial projects
 - Safeway is underway and scheduled to open in September
 - Chevron is scheduled to open in March

- Other projects are Keybank, QwikQwak Carwash (no longer Brown Bear), Goddard School
- Housing projects
 - Lennar, Toll Sr Housing, Richmond Homes, Connor Homes
- Road projects
 - SE Connector has withdrawn their application
 - Pipeline Road
- Produced 405 permits in 2025
- Edward Jones building

PUBLIC COMMENTS -

Kristen Bryant of Bellevue spoke to the Commissioners.
 Brian Derdowski of Enumclaw spoke to the Commissioners.

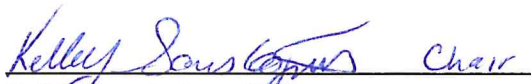
Director Williamson briefly addressed some comments from above.

ADJOURNMENT -

Commissioner Asante moved to adjourn, **second** Commissioner Cayce. **Vote**, motion **passed 6 - 0**. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

These minutes were respectively recorded by Carina Thornquist, Deputy City Clerk

ATTEST:


 Kelley Sauskojus, Chairperson


 Carina Thornquist, Planning
 Commission Secretary