

**1. Call to order / attendance:**

Call to order: Vice-Chairman E. Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Eric Smith, Chairman  
Melanie Olson, Commissioner  
Kate Moran, Commissioner  
Chad Utecht, Commissioner  
Kathleen Smith, Commissioner

Members Excused Absent:

Nancy Aldrich, Commissioner  
David Fetto, Vice-Chairman

Motion for excusal: . Commissioner  
Olson

Second by: Commissioner Utecht  
Motion passed unanimously

Staff Present:

Mike Stevens, Sr. Planner  
Karin Volpe, Planner  
Jessica Bates, Staff Recorder

**2. Approval of the agenda:**

Motion by Commissioner Moran; Seconded by Commissioner K. Smith.  
Motion: To approve the agenda.

Motion passed unanimously.

**3. Approval of the minutes:**

Motion by Commissioner Olson; Seconded by Commissioner K. Smith.

Motion passed unanimously

**4. Announcements, Reports and Comments:**

Earth Day is April 21, 2018 to volunteer contact Karin Volpe  
Senior Planner Stevens reported Community Development Director Lambert will be out of office due to medical emergency. Senior Planner Stevens will be acting director until Community Development Director Lambert's return.

**5. New Business:**

Chairman E. Smith opened the public hearing at 6:10pm

Senior Planner Stevens presented the staff report.

One comment from the Bonneville Power Administration stating no issues. No other comments were received.

Applicant: Tracy LaMarr 43703 Anaconda Ct. West Richland presented testimony in favor of the text amendment expansion allowing business in the downtown mixed use area.

Citizen Keith Moon 6581 Cyprus Loop presented testimony in favor of approving the text amendment to attract more business to operate in the downtown mixed use area.

Citizen Ken Poletski 73556 W. Pederson Rd. West Richland presented testimony in favor of attracting more business and growth of the downtown mixed use area.

Chairman E. Smith, closed the Public Hearing at 6:49 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Olson; Seconded by Commissioner Moran  
Motion: To approve AD 2018-01 (WRMC Code Amendment to Section 17.49.030)  
Motion passed unanimously

**6. Old Business:**

None

**7. Citizen Public Comment.**

None

**8. Adjourn.**

Chairman E. Smith, closed the Planning Commission Meeting at 6:49 p.m.

  
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E. Smith, Chairman

  
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Jessica Bates, Staff Recorder