



LRPC COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday June 4, 2026

Minutes

LOCATION: Multipurpose Room A

TIME:: 6:31 PM

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Not Recorded

ATTENDING:

Staff Members: Jo Anne Jensen, GM
Spencer Huston, IT

1 Call to Order

Director Van de Polder called the meeting to order at 7:01PM.

2. Roll Call.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

1. Taimi Van de Polder	4. Sean Chaffee	7. Jeff Mildner	10. Brad Edwards
2. Barbara Mikelson-Harder	5. James Pinkerton	8. Elizabeth Huthert	11. David Gustafson unexcused
3. Michael Davolio	6. Gary Bara	9 Chad Avery	12. Forest Cat unexcused
13. John Gingrich unexcused	14.		

3. Adoption of Agenda

Motion By: Taimi Van de Polder		Seconded By:	
Approved: X	Not Approved:	Tabled:	Died:
In Favor: Unanimous	Against:	Abstained	

4. Announcements

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Joanne reported on the successful ribbon-cutting event for the Native Plant Garden located near the Welcome Center.

Key points:

- Partnership between Sudden Valley and Whatcom County.
- County provided design services, plants, and educational support.
- SVCA volunteers assisted with installation.

- SVCA assumes responsibility for ongoing maintenance.
- Event attendance was strong and community response was positive.

Michael Davoglio shared that Art in the Barn members expressed interest in providing artwork for a future senior center or community gathering space.

Committee members welcomed the idea and noted it would help create a more inviting environment.

5. Approval of Minutes – March 18, 2026

Motion By: Taimi Van de Polder		Seconded By:	
Approved: X	Not Approved:	Tabled:	Died:
In Favor:	Against:	Abstained 2	

6. Continuing Business

The committee discussed the upcoming joint meeting with the Finance Committee scheduled for June 17.

Purpose:

- Provide planning input for future budget priorities.
- Identify strategic initiatives for inclusion in upcoming budgets.
- Continue development of the Long Range Planning Committee's 1-, 3-, 5-, and 10-year planning framework.

GM presented preliminary results from the 2026 Community Survey.

Continued discussion of 3, 5, 10 year plan based on survey results

Adjournment: 8:03 PM