
PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES



Wednesday, December 4, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Goodman at 6:13 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers at 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

ROLL CALL

Chair Tiffin Goodman, Vice Chair Craig Reynolds, Commissioners, Carolyn Boatsman, Jennifer Mechem, Lucia Pirzio-Biroli and Ted Weinberg were present. Commissioner Daniel Hubbell was absent.

STAFF PRESENT

Evan Maxim, CPD Director, Andrea Larson, Senior Administrative Assistant, Mona Davis, Planning Manager, Robin Proebsting, Senior Planner, Ryan Daly, Interim Parks & Recreation Director, Paul West, Capital Projects Planning Manager.

MINUTES

It was moved by Weinberg, seconded by Reynolds to:

Approve the November 20, 2019 minutes

Passed 5-0-1

APPEARANCES

Matt Goldbach, Mercer Island. He commented on the problem statement for the Community Facility Regulations regarding a lack of predictable regulations from site to site. He stated that he does not understand how item C of the problem statement is actually stating a problem.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Agenda Item #1: PROS Plan Introduction

Robin Proebsting, Senior Planning, gave a brief overview of the Planning Commissions role in the PROS plan and introduced Ryan Daly, Interim Parks & Recreation Director, Paul West, Capital Projects Planning Manager.

Ryan Daly, Interim Parks & Recreation Director, gave a brief introduction to the PROS plan.

Paul West, Capital Projects Planning Manager, gave a presentation on the PROS plan to the Commission.

The Commission asked questions and discussed the process, the Commission involvement and the PROS plan.

The Commission took a break until 7:25pm.

Agenda Item #2: Community Facility Regulations

Evan Maxim, CPD Director, gave a presentation on the Community Facility Regulations.

The Commission discussed the problem statement.

The Commission took a break until 8:26pm

It was moved by Weinberg; seconded by Reynolds to:

Start with line A.a on the problem statement and discuss line by line and use a thumbs up/ thumbs down approach to go through each line.

Revote was called due to a Commissioner not realizing that a vote had been called.

A friendly amendment was made to make the approval by thumbs up
Passed 5-0-1

Passed as amended 4-0-2

The Commission added a new A.a to read :

Conditional Use Permit historical records are incomplete.

The Commission amended A to read:

The regulations or the conditions, that are intended to mitigate impacts of community facilities are insufficient or unknown in some cases.

The Commission amended A.c to read:

Any Residentially zoned properties may be the subject of a Conditional use Permit (CUP) application for community facilities.

The Commission deleted A.d.

The Commission amended C to read:

There is a lack of a predictable outcome for organizations and neighbors.

The Commission amended C.a to read:

The current CUP proves results in conditions of approval that cannot be known in advance.

The Commission amended C.b to read:

The current process results in the "re-review" of previously discussed designs resulting in community fatigue, a change in previous commitments, etc.

The Commission amended C.c to read:

The City lacks a regulatory mechanism to limit the growth and evolution of community facilities subject to sufficiently strict and enforceable mitigation measures.

The Commission amended D to read:

Regulations are not sufficiently enforceable

The Commission moved A.a to D.a.

The Commission amended E to read:

Community facilities provide significant benefit and create significant consternation.

The Commission moved E to the beginning of the problem statement.

The Commission added A.e to read:

No provision encouraging community facilities to coordinate expansion, the use of resources, and upgrade with adjacent community facilities under separate ownership.

The Commission took a break until 10:28pm.

The Commission moved A.c and A.d to C.d. and C.e.

Agenda Item #3: Sign Code Amendment

The Commission decided to table Agenda Item #3 to the next meeting on January 15, 2019.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Commission recognized Vice Chair Reynolds for his service on the Commission.

Evan Maxim, CPD Director, gave a brief update on the December 3, 2019 City Council meeting.

PLANNED ABSENCES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

There were no planned absences.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The next Planning Commission meeting is on January 15, 2020 at 6:00PM.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52pm.