



CITY OF MERCER ISLAND PLANNING COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 29, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

Chair Tiffin Goodman
Commissioner Carolyn Boatsman
Commissioner Daniel Hubbell
Commissioner Jennifer Mechem
Commissioner Lucia Pirzio-Biroli
Commissioner Ted Weinberg

STAFF PRESENT

Evan Maxim, CPD Director, Andrea Larson, Senior Administrative Assistant, Mona Davis, Planning Manager.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Election of Vice Chair.

Motion made by Commissioner Boatsman to:

Nominate Commissioner Mechem to Vice Chair.

Voting Yea: Chair Goodman, Commissioner Boatsman, Commissioner Hubbell, Commissioner Mechem, Commissioner Pirzio-Biroli, Commissioner Weinberg

Passed 6-0

MINUTES

1. December 4, 2019 Minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Weinberg, Seconded by Commissioner Hubbell to:

Approve the December 4, 2019 minutes.

Voting Yea: Chair Goodman, Vice Chair Mechem, Commissioner Boatsman, Commissioner Hubbell, Commissioner Pirzio-Biroli, Commissioner Weinberg

Passed 6-0

APPEARANCES

Cheryl D'Ambriso, 3712 E Mercer Way. She commented about how one neighbor who is looking out for safety.

Matt Goldbach, 9980 SE 40th St. He commented on a letter received from the applicants that the CFZ is over and that has invited the neighbors have been invited by the JCC to meet with them.

REGULAR BUSINESS

2. Community Facility Regulations

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

The Commission asked questions about the process, approach forward and the different options.

Motion made by Commissioner Weinberg, Seconded by Commissioner Hubbell to:

Eliminate Alternative 4.

Voting Yea: Chair Goodman, Commissioner Hubbell, Commissioner Pirzio-Biroli, Commissioner Weinberg

Voting Nay: Vice Chair Mechem, Commissioner Boatsman

Passed 4-2

The Commission discussed Commissioner Weinbergs recommendations and thoughts on Engagement, Master Plans and Development Standards.

The Commission discussed each of their thoughts on which alternative they would like to proceed with.

Motion made by Commissioner Hubbell, Seconded by Commissioner Boatsman to:

Recommend the City Council approve Alternative 2, with the additional recommendation to review the Gross Floor Area cap and height limits for institutional uses in the residential zoning designations, as soon as possible.

Voting Yea: Chair Goodman, Commissioner Boatsman, Commissioner Hubbell, Commissioner Mechem, Commissioner Pirzio-Biroli, Commissioner Weinberg

Passed 6-0

Motion made by Commissioner Pirzio-Biroli, Seconded by Commissioner Boatsman to:

Recognizing that Alternative 2 does not address the problem statement fully, the Planning Commission recommends that the City Council look at Alternative 4 at a later date.

Voting Yea: Chair Goodman, Commissioner Boatsman, Commissioner Hubbell, Commissioner Mechem, Commissioner Pirzio-Biroli

Voting Nay: Commissioner Weinberg

Passed 5-1

The Commission took a break until 8:08 PM.

OTHER BUSINESS

3. Directors Report

Evan Maxim, CPD Director gave an update on the City Council deciding to not to proceed with the roof top railing code amendment and regarding City Council approving the scope of work for the Small Cell code update. He also have an update on the Council Planning session on January 24 & 25, 2020.

Director Maxim asked who would be able to attend a joint study session with the City Council on February 18. Chair Goodman and Commissioner Pirzio-Biroli would not be able to attend.

4. Planned Absences

Commissioner Weinberg will be absent February 5.

Commissioner Pirzio-Biroli will be absent February 19, and is not available for a joint study session on February 18.

Chair Goodman will be absent February 19, and is not available for a joint study session on February 18.

5. Next Scheduled Regular Meeting: February 5, 2020

ADJOURN

The Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.