
PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES



Wednesday, June 5, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Hubbell at 6:05 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers at 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

ROLL CALL

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

STAFF PRESENT

Evan Maxim, CPD Director, Nicole Gaudette, Senior Planner, Robin Proebsting, Senior Planner and Bio Park, Interim City Attorney were present.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Agenda Item #1: Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Evan Maxim, CPD Director, provided a brief explanation of the election process.

Election of Chair:

Pirzio-Biroli nominated Goodman for chair;
Boatsman nominated Weinberg for chair;
Weinberg nominated Boatsman for chair. Boatsman declined the nomination.

Vote Round 1:

Goodman 5-2

Goodman was elected chair

Election of Vice-Chair

Boatsman nominated Weinberg for vice-chair;
Hubbell nominated Reynolds for vice-chair.

Vote Round 1:

Weinberg 2-5

Vote Round 2:

Reynolds 6-1

Reynolds was elected vice-chair

APPEARANCES

Ed Weinstein, 1655 E Boston Terrace, in Seattle, commented on design review for the Community Facilities Code.

Jim Sayre, 8501 SE 76th Ave, provided comment on standards in the draft Community Facility Code Amendment.

Tracy Granbois 8440 82nd St, spoke regarding the provision for subcommittees in the Planning Commission bylaws.

Rich Hill, counsel for applicants for comprehensive plan amendment, spoke regarding the draft Community Facility Code Amendment.

Michael Levy, 4326 193rd Ave SE, Issaquah, provided comment on standards in the draft Community Facility Code Amendment.

David Cutler, 2206 E Crescent Dr, Seattle, provided comment on standards in the draft Community Facility Code Amendment.

Joan Beauregard, 6940 SE 33rd St, spoke regarding her experience building the Hamlin Robinson School in Seattle

Eric Thuau (FASPS): Spoke regarding FASPS

Gardner Morelli, 8454 W Mercer Way, provided comment on standards in the draft Community Facility Code Amendment.

Ronald Liebsohn, 4566 E Mercer Way, provided comment on standards in the draft Community Facility Code Amendment.

Audrey Covner, 3024 90th Pl SE, provided comment on standards in the draft Community Facility Code Amendment.

Carl Bianco, 8700 N Mercer Way, provided comment on standards in the draft Community Facility Code Amendment.

Erin Gurney, 4550 E Mercer Way, provided comment on standards in the draft Community Facility Code Amendment.

Eddie Switi, 4812 E Mercer Way, provided comment on standards in the draft Community Facility Code Amendment.

Cheryl D'ambrosio, 3712 E Mercer Way, provided comment on standards in the draft Community Facility Code Amendment.

Elizabeth Riley, 8244 86th St, provided comment on standards in the draft Community Facility Code Amendment.

Dave Vanderbosch, 8540 85th Ave SE, provided comment on standards in the draft Community Facility Code Amendment.

Dan Thompson, 7265 N Mercer Way, provided comment on standards in the draft Community Facility Code Amendment.

Tom Heltzel, 8245 SE 61st St, provided comment on the draft Community Facility Code Amendment and on

the Conditional Use Permit process.

Ryan Rahlfs, 9703 SE 40th St, provided comment on standards in the draft Community Facility Code Amendment.

Amy Lavin, 7835 SE 22nd PI, spoke regarding the Stroum Jewish Community Center.

John Hall 9970 SE 40th St, provided comment on standards in the draft Community Facility Code Amendment.

Paul Cameron, 9930 SE 40th St, provided comment on standards in the draft Community Facility Code Amendment.

Ira Appleman, provided comment on standards in the draft Community Facility Code Amendment.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Agenda Item #1: Community Facilities Code

Nicole Gaudette, Senior Planner, provided a presentation introducing the 2nd draft of the Community Facility Code Amendment.

The Planning Commission asked questions of staff regarding the 2nd draft.

The Commission took a break until 8:15pm.

The Planning Commission discussed a potential alternative framework to the code structure.

Evan Maxim, CPD Director answered questions from the Planning Commission and confirmed materials/ documentation that will be provided for the next Planning Commission meeting.

Agenda Item #2: Planning Commission Bylaws

Evan Maxim, CPD Director, reviewed recent proposed changes to the Planning Commission's bylaws.

Bio Park, Interim City Attorney, spoke to the draft Planning Commission bylaws.

It was moved by Mechem; seconded by Pirzio-Biroli to:

Adopt the draft Planning Commission bylaws as written,

It was moved by Boatsman; seconded by Pirzio-Biroli to:

Strike the proposed Section 3.6 from the Planning Commission bylaws

The motion passed 4-2

It was moved by Reynolds; seconded by Weinberg to:

Add the words "and deputy mayor" to Section 2.2.

The motion passed 7-0

The main motion passed as amended 6-1

OTHER BUSINESS

Evan Maxim, CPD Director, provided the status update on the Critical Areas Code and Shoreline Master Program update.

PLANNED ABSENCES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

There are no planned absences.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The next Planning Commission meeting is on June 19, 2019 at 6:00PM.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10PM.