



# PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 1, 2018

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## CALL TO ORDER:

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

## ROLL CALL:

Chair Daniel Hubbell, Vice Chair Tiffin Goodman, Commissioners Craig Reynolds, Carolyn Boatsman, Lucia Pirzio-Biroli, and Ted Weinberg were present. Commissioner Jennifer Mechem arrived at 6:10 PM. Commissioner Pirzio-Biroli left at 8:45 PM.

City staff was represented by Evan Maxim, Interim Director, Robin Proebsting, Senior Planner, and Bio Park, Assistant City Attorney. The City's consultant, ESA, represented by Aaron Booy and Jessica Redman was also present.

## MINUTES:

No minutes were provided for approval.

## APPEARANCES:

No members of the public were present for appearances.

## REGULAR BUSINESS:

### Agenda Item #1: ZTR18-002 Critical Areas Code Amendment

Robin Proebsting, Senior Planner, provided a brief introduction of the City's consultant, ESA.

ESA, represented by Aaron Booy and Jessica Redman, presented the Best Available Science (BAS) report findings and recommendations related to wetlands, watercourses, and fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas. The Commission asked clarifying questions of the science related to watercourse, wetland, and wildlife habitat conservation area protections and mitigation.

The Commission recessed at 7:51 PM and reconvened at 8:02 PM.

The Commission requested a copy of the state and federal endangered and threatened species lists. The Commission discussed how to prioritize protection of additional species, and the possibility of a wildlife inventory.

Robin Proebsting identified the major items that would warrant additional policy analysis on August 15, 2018. Staff anticipates proceeding with a draft amendment incorporating all of identified minor amendments for Planning Commission review.

## OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

## PLANNED ABSENCES

Commissioner Weinberg will be absent on August 15, 2018.

## NEXT MEETING:

The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting will be August 15, 2018 at 6:00PM at Mercer Island City Hall.

## ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 PM.