



# PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES MARCH 7, 2018

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## **CALL TO ORDER:**

The Planning Commission was called to order by Vice Chair Tiffin Goodman at 6:02 PM in the Council Chambers at 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

## **ROLL CALL:**

Vice Chair Tiffin Goodman, Commissioner Ted Weinberg, Lucia Pirzio-Biroli, Bryan Cairns, Jennifer Mechem, and Carolyn Boatsman were present. Chair Dan Hubbell was absent.

City staff was represented by Evan Maxim, Planning Manager, Lauren Anderson, Planner, and Kelsey Salvo, Administrative Assistant.

Commissioner Pirzio-Biroli moved approve the amended February 7, 2018 minutes, Commissioner Boatsman and Commissioner Mechem seconded the motion. The minutes were approved 6-0.

Commissioner Weinberg moved to approve February 21, 2018 minutes, Commissioner Boatsman seconded the motion. Commissioner Pirzio-Biroli amended the minutes to note that the Comprehensive Plan Amendment needed to include a Land Use designation for Public Facilities. The minutes were approved 6-0.

## **APPEARANCES:**

No public appearances.

## **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

### **Agenda Item #1: 2018 Comprehensive Plan Amendments No. 11 – Green Building**

Lauren Anderson presented the review of the draft language for Comprehensive Plan Amendments 11.

The Commission discussed aspects of a Green Building program to follow the Comprehensive Plan Amendment, and information that would be necessary to implement such a program.

The Commission directed staff to amend the draft Comprehensive Plan language to read as follows:

The Introductory language was amended to read:

In 2018, the City continued to promote and support sustainable development, through the development of green building goals and policies for residential development.

These measures, and others under consideration, are identified in more detail in a rolling 6-year Sustainability Plan, to be adopted in 2018-2019, which will guide the City's internal and external actions while taking into account the interrelated issues of climate change, population change, land use, public infrastructure, transportation choices, natural resources management, quality of life, public health, and economic development.

Goal 20 was amended to read: Encourage the use of green building methods and materials, for residential development, to reduce impacts on the built and natural environment and to improve the quality of life. Green building should result in demonstrable benefits, through the use of programs such as, but not limited to, Built Green, LEED, the Living Building Challenge, Passive House, Salmon Safe, or similar regional and recognized green building programs.

The draft policies were amended to read as follows:

20.1 Eliminate regulatory and administrative barriers, where feasible, to residential green building.

20.2 Develop a green building program that creates incentives for residential development and building construction to incorporate green building techniques into new construction.

20.3 Evaluate requiring the use of green building techniques for new construction and development of subdivisions as a component of a green building program.

There was consensus to eliminate proposed policy 20.4.

20.5 Educate and provide technical resources to the citizens and building community on Mercer Island regarding green building as a part of sustainable development.

20.6 Conduct annual tracking of new, or significantly-remodeled, structures verified under various green building programs on Mercer Island and incorporate statistics into the City's sustainability tracking system and performance measures.

The Commission adjourned at 7:32. The Commission reconvened at 7:41.

### **Agenda Item #2: Comprehensive and Code Presentation and Discussion**

Evan Maxim presented to Planning Commission regarding the Comprehensive Plan, Municipal Code, and project review.

Staff will present this topic to the commission at other meetings throughout the year.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Mechem provided some comments about proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 10. The World Health Organization has developed eight principals to support age friendly development, which the City should consider. Commissioner Mechem will be meeting with a representative from AARP to learn more information.

### **PLANNED ABSENCES**

### **NEXT MEETING:**

The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting will be March 21, 2018 at 6:00PM at Mercer Island City Hall.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Vice Chair Tiffin Goodman adjourned the meeting at 8:55pm