



PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 21, 2018

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ROLL CALL:

Chair Dan Hubbell, Vice Chair Tiffin Goodman, Commissioner Ted Weinberg, Lucia Pirzio-Biroli, Bryan Cairns, and Jennifer Mechem were present. Carolyn Boatsman arrived at 6:03pm.

City staff was represented by Evan Maxim, Planning Manager, Andrew Leon, Planner, Bio Park, Assistant City Attorney, and Andrea Larson, Administrative Assistant.

Commissioner Weinberg moved to approve the February 7, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Cairns seconded the motion. Commissioner Boatsman clarified an amendment to the meeting for January 17, 2018 regarding the panel meeting for critical areas. The minutes were approved 5-0-2, Vice Chair Goodman and Commissioner Mechem abstained.

APPEARANCES:

No public appearances.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

Agenda Item #1: 2018 Comprehensive Plan Amendments Nos. 1, 2, 4, and 5- Second Review

Evan Maxim, Planning Manager, gave a short presentation on proposed 2018 Comprehensive Plan amendments 1, 2, 4, and 5.

The Commission reviewed Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 1. There was consensus that the revised Land Use map should use a strong pattern, so that all people can read the map. The Commission directed staff to prepare a description for the Public Facility land use designation. The Commission reached consensus that the definition of the Linear Park / I-90 designation should be revised to acknowledge the presence of public transportation facilities. There was consensus to amend Title 19 of the Mercer Island City Code, and the zoning map legend, to change the zoning designation of "P" to "PI", which more closely aligns with the zoning designation name of "Public Institution".

The Commission discussed Comprehensive Plan Amendment Nos. 2 and 4. There was consensus that no further work was required on these amendments.

The Commission reviewed Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 5. The Commission changed "primary activity" to "primary tool" in the Introduction statement regarding open space. The Commission directed staff to add a third sentence to Land Use Policy 4.4, which requires that development incorporate future low impact development technologies where feasible and appropriate.

The commission recessed at 7:09pm

The Commission reconvened at 7:16pm

Agenda Item #2: 2018 Code Cleanup- Code Amendments- Introduction

Andrew Leon, Planner, gave a brief presentation introducing the proposed 2018 Code Cleanup code amendment.

The Commission discussed the code cleanup code amendment and recommended clarifications in the draft text. The scope of the code amendment was expanded to include a change to Title 19 of the Mercer Island City Code, and the zoning map legend, to change the zoning designation of “P” to “PI”, which more closely aligns with the zoning designation name of “Public Institution”.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Evan Maxim gave a brief report and review of the draft Planning Commission calendar.

Chair Hubbell and Vice Chair Goodman gave a brief update to the Commission on the meeting that the Chair and Vice Chair had with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and staff.

Chair Hubbell will be absent on March 7, 2018.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting will be March 7, 2018 at 6:00PM at Mercer Island City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Dan Hubbell adjourned the meeting at 7:59pm