



PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 18, 2017

CALL TO ORDER:

The Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Dan Hubbell at 6:06 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, Jennifer Mechem, Lucia Pirzio-Biroli, Bryan Cairns and Carolyn Boatsman were present.

City staff was represented by Evan Maxim, Planning Manager, Lauren Anderson, Assistant Planner, Bio Park, Assistant City Attorney, Andrea Larson, Administrative Assistant, and Kelsey Salvo, Administrative Assistant.

Commissioner Carolyn Boatsman moved to approve the September 27, 2017 minutes. Commissioner Bryan Cairns seconded move to approve minutes. 7-0 minutes passed.

Commissioner Jennifer Mechem motioned to approve the October 4, 2017 minutes. Commissioner Carolyn Boatsman seconded to approve the minutes. 7-0 minutes passed.

APPEARANCES:

No public appearances.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

Agenda Item #1: ZTR16-002 MICA Zoning Text Amendment Public Hearing- Cancelled

Evan Maxim, Planning Manager, discussed the pause for the exploration of alternative sites. Rescheduling will likely happen in December 2017 or January 2018.

Agenda Item #2: 2018 Comprehensive Plan Amendments – Preliminary Docket

Evan Maxim, Planning Manager, reviewed the history of the Comprehensive Plan Amendment review process, docket criteria, provided an overview of the amendments on the docket, and fielded questions from the Planning Commission. Public Notice was August 16, 2017 and the deadline for submitting requests was October 1, 2017. November 6, 2017 is the scheduled City Council review. The docket items includes the following:

1. Update the Land Use Element / Land Use Map for clarity and accuracy of map designations
2. Update the Capital Facilities Plan with the budget
3. Update to address traffic modeling, LOS, non-motorized (pedestrian and bike), and I-90 changes
4. Add policy support for participation in the King County Public Benefit Rating System
5. Develop goals and policies supporting the requirements of the City National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and supporting low impact development
6. Develop goals and policies supporting the cultural arts
7. Critical areas ordinance update – placeholder
8. Create a new land use map designation “Private Community Facilities” or similar, for the properties currently occupied by the JCC, French American School, and Herzl-Ner Tamid

(approximately 18 acres). This amendment to be accompanied by a zoning map and zoning code amendment.

Referring to docket item number 8, the applicant, Richard Hill, discussed why the proposal was requested to be added to the docket (6:41pm). Richard then introduced Ed Weinstein, the architect and planner, who then presented the proposed phasing of the project.

Following the applicant's presentation, the Commission then asked for clarification on certain items. Ed Weinstein, Richard Hill, and Evan Maxim responded to the Commission's questions.

Three representatives of the three stakeholders were present. Dave Cutler, board of trustees for the French American School, Michelle Glasser, Co-President at Herzl Ner Tamid, and Amy Lavin the Chief Executive Officer of the SJCC spoke to recommend the Planning Commission move to put item number 8 on the docket.

Commissioner Bryan Cairns motioned to recommend approval of the preliminary docket of Comprehensive Plan Amendments to the City Council for creation of a final docket of Comprehensive Plan Amendments, for review in 2018. Seconded by Commissioner Lucia Pirzio-Biroli.

Chair Hubbell opened for discussion. Commissioner Lucia Pirzio-Biroli recommended considering to include housing for a care taker for example for item 8. Vice Chair Tiffin Goodman recommended to add disaster/hazard planning to the docket. Commissioner Jennifer Mechem agreed with Vice Chair Tiffin Goodman, and also recommended to consider smaller housing and cottage housing into the docket. Commissioner Jennifer Mechem recommended to add accessibility into the Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Lucia Pirzio-Biroli motioned to add to the docket a 9th item, to develop goals and policies for disaster planning and recovery. Seconded by Vice Chair Tiffin Goodman. Amendment passes 7-0.

Commissioner Jennifer Mechem motioned to add item 10 to the docket to review Comprehensive Plan to identify and recommend policy to promote accessibility, universal design, and age friendly planning throughout the City. Seconded by Commissioner Carolyn Boatsman. Commissioner Lucia recommended to add this item to the purpose section as a blanket statement for the entire Comprehensive Plan. Amendment passes 7-0.

Chair Daniel Hubbell motioned to recommend approval of all 10 items in the preliminary docket of Comprehensive Plan Amendments to the City Council for creation of a final docket of Comprehensive Plan Amendments, for review in 2018. The recommended docket was passed 7-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Discussed the City Council's response to the Planning Commission's recommendation for Cohen's proposed amendment.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting will be November 1, 2017 at 6:00PM at Mercer Island City Hall. The next meeting currently has no items so far on the agenda, and most likely will be cancelled. Chair Dan Hubbell will not be present on November 1, 2017. Next meeting will be on November 15, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Dan Hubbell adjourned the meeting at 7:46 pm.