



PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 16, 2017

CALL TO ORDER:

The Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Hubbell at 6:04 PM in the Council Chambers at 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

ROLL CALL:

Chair Dan Hubbell, Vice Chair Tiffin Goodman, Bryan Cairns, and Ted Weinberg, were present. Commissioner Mechem arrived at 6:08 p.m. Commissioners Lucia Pirzio-Biroli and Carolyn Boatsman were absent. City staff was represented by Evan Maxim, Planning Manager, Bio Park, Assistant City Attorney, and Nicole Gaudette, Senior Planner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Commission reviewed the minutes from the August 2, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Weinberg moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Goodman.

The minutes were approved 4-0.

APPEARANCES:

Leon Cohen spoke about the property adjacent to Town Center that is being considered for a rezone. Would benefit the community as a possible home for MICA and parking for that. Possibly a TOD. Possibly condominium homes with exclusive city parking.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

Agenda Item #1: Introduction to 2017 Comprehensive Plan Amendments & accompanying Zoning Map / Text Amendments (CPA16-002, CPA17-001, and ZTR17-006)

Evan Maxim, Planning Manager introduced the six proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments and provided a brief description of each amendment. Two of the original amendments have been withdrawn.

Evan Maxim provided an overview of the criteria for recommending approval of the Comprehensive Plan amendments and indicated that staff would provide an analysis for Planning Commission review at a later date in September or October 2017.

The public hearing for the proposed 2017 Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Amendments will be scheduled for a later date in September or October 2017.

Commissioner Hubbell asked for clarification of Planning Commission action for the night. Commissioner Weinberg asked that relevant sections of Town Center rules be made available to him. Commissioner Cairns requested information regarding WSDOT's demands for the trail easement. He would also like to know what possible uses of the property considered for the Cohen zone change would be. Commissioner Mechem would like more clarity around the Commission's review of the School Districts' capital improvement plan. Commissioner Goodman wants to know the reasons and benefits of the Kite Hill rezone. She would also like more information regarding the Cohen rezone. Commissioner Hubbell wants to understand how a rezone can occur on a portion of a parcel (Kite Hill rezone). He also wants history of the parcel and what was originally intended. He

would like to know legal restrictions of the Cohen rezone property.

The Commission wants a study session for the two map amendments before the public hearing on the comprehensive plan amendments.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Hubbell asked for Evan to provide a briefing of the residential development standards update. Evan provided a briefing.

Evan provided an overview of items for upcoming meetings: Comprehensive Plan amendments, procedural code amendments, and critical areas update. Commissioner asked about other work items. One would be a subarea plan for the south end of Town Center. The Commission mentioned a few items that they thought were on the list.

Commissioner Mechem will be absent for the September 6, 2017 meeting. Hubbell will be absent for the October 4, 2017 meeting.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting will be September 6, 2017 at 6:00PM at Mercer Island City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Hubbell adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.