



## **PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 3, 2014**

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### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Vice Chair Weinman called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM in the Council Chambers at 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Chair Jon Friedman, Vice Chair Richard Weinman, Commissioners Bryan Cairns, David McCann, Suzanne Skone, and Craig Olson were present. City staff was represented by Scott Greenberg, Development Services Director, Katie Knight, City Attorney and Will Piro, Planning Technician.

**Absences:** Chair Jon Friedman and Commissioner Steve Marshall

### **APPEARANCES:**

Tanya Friese, 1100 Dexter Ave, Seattle, WA with Crown Castle.

Hand delivered a letter of support for the AT&T – Led initiative to amend the current Mercer Island wireless communication.

### **MINUTES:**

Vice Chair Weinman moved to approve the minutes from November 19th, 2014. Commissioner Cairns seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

### **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

The Planning Commission agreed to amend the agenda order, and discuss the zoning code text amendment, related to youth theaters first, and then the comprehensive plan second.

#### **Agenda Item #1: ZTR14-002: Zoning Code Text Amendment related to Wireless Communication Facilities.**

An Open Record Public Hearing on a request for a Zoning Code Amendment amending requirements in Mercer Island City Code (MICC) Title 19 pertaining to wireless communications facilities.

Mr. Greenberg provided a presentation and overview on the proposed code text amendment, and answered questions from the Planning Commission.

Vice Chair Weinman opened the open record public hearing.

Kirsten Larson and Ken Lions, of Busch Law Firm, P.L.L.C., 93 S Jackson St #75606, provided testimony including a brief presentation and answered questions from Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission deliberated on the proposed amendment. Commissioner McCann moved to recommend that the City Council approve the request for amendment of Mercer Island City Code Title 19 as detailed in Exhibit 1, and to authorize the Chair of the Planning Commission to sign the recommendation to the City Council on behalf of the Planning Commission, provided that the proposal shall be modified as follows:

The title of Section D should read, "Residential and Public Institution Zones (outside of the I-90 corridor).

Add the following language to Section 1 (D) (1): "WCFs except for small cell facilities are prohibited in single-family and multifamily residential zones and public institution zones (outside of the I-90 corridor)."

Change the following language in Section 1 (D) (3): "The maximum height of any small cell facility shall be limited to no more than 35 feet above existing grade."

Change the following language in Section 2 (S): "...attached to a structure and meet the parameters in subsections (1) and (2)."

Commissioner Cairns seconded the motion. The motion passed.

## **Agenda Item #2 – Mandatory Training: Open Public Meetings Act, Public Records Act and Records Retention (60 minutes)**

ESB 5964 passed by the State Legislature in 2014 requires that public agency governing body members (including the Planning Commission) complete training on the above topics. A one-hour video presentation will be shown with an opportunity for questions after the video.

At the request of The Commission City staff will determine if commissioners have city email addresses to conduct official business.

### **STAFF COMMENTS:**

No additional comments were made.

### **PLANNED ABSENCES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:**

No planned absences were mentioned.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

There were no announcements.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2014.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

The Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 9:54 PM.