



## **PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 19, 2014**

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### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Friedman called the meeting to order at 7:00 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, and George Steirer, Principal Planner.

### **APPEARANCES:**

No one from the public requested to speak

### **MINUTES:**

Vice Chair Weinman moved to approve the minutes from November 5th, 2014. Commissioner Olson 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 – STR14-005: Zoning Code Text Amendment to Add “Youth Stage Theater Programs” as an Accessory Use to Places of Worship**

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

Chair Friedman opened the open record public hearing.

Manny Cawaling, Executive Director of Youth Theater Northwest, P.O. Box 296, Mercer Island, provided testimony and answered questions from Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission deliberated on the proposed amendment. The Planning Commission agreed to add the following language to the end of Section 1: “Adequate parking must be provided, as determined by the Code Official”.

Vice Chair Weinman moved to approve the proposed ordinance, as amended by the Planning Commission. Commissioner Skone seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### **Agenda Item #2 – CPA14-001 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update: Public Hearing**

Mr. Steirer provided a presentation on the comprehensive plan update, discussed the next steps. The Planning Commission asked questions of Mr. Steirer.

The Planning Commission agreed to changes for the cover memo to the City Council.

Chair Friedman opened the open record public hearing. No one from the public requested to speak. Chair Friedman closed the open record public hearing.

The Planning Commission went through the introduction and each element of the Comprehensive Plan. Minor changes were made to the Capital Facilities Element. The commission agreed to allow staff to make minor, non-substantive changes, for clarification, as proposed by Vice Chair Weinman, and Commissioner Cairns.

Vice Chair Weinman moved to recommend that the City Council approve the Comprehensive Plan update as provided as 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. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion.

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

Staff provided an update regarding possible changes to the Town Center Development regulations.

**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 3rd, 2014.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted by George Steirer.