



## PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

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### CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Friedman called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM in the Council Chambers at 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

### ROLL CALL:

Chair Jon Friedman and Commissioners Craig Olson, David McCann, Bryan Cairns, Steve Marshall, Suzanne Skone and Vice Chair Richard Weinman were present. City staff was represented by Katie Knight, City Attorney, Scott Greenberg, Development Services Director, George Steirer, Principal Planner, Lindsay Brown, Planner, and Patrick Yamashita, City Engineer. Also representing City staff is John Davies and Michael Lapham of KPG, the City's consultant group for the Transportation Element.

### APPEARANCES:

No one from the public requested to address the commission.

### MINUTES:

Chair Friedman clarified that Vice-Chair Weinman called the meeting to order, which is a correction to the draft minutes. Chair Friedman moved to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2014 meeting. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. The Commission unanimously approved the minutes.

### REGULAR BUSINESS:

#### **Agenda Item #1a – 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update (Transportation Element)**

Lindsay Brown, Patrick Yamashita, John Davies and Michael Lapham presented on proposed Transportation Element changes, including a detailed explanation of transportation level of service metrics and how they manifest throughout the City. A majority of the commission requested the following:

1. Amend goal 2.5 to explicitly state exploring impact fees and transportation benefit districts.
2. Change 4.7 to read "Promote the mobility of people and goods through a multi-modal transportation system as identified as the Mercer Island Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan."
3. Change 5.7 second sentence to read: Identify implemental actions that improve....
4. Ensure consistent numbering of goals and policies throughout the Element.
5. Change 10.3 and add the following underlined: (3) reduce the type or size of development or deny development.
6. Investigate policy and legal options to address and discourage cut-through traffic from I-90 on to local streets.

Chair Friedman opened the discussion for public comment and testimony; no members of the public wished to speak to Agenda Item 1.

Commissioner Cairns moved to adopt LOS D, seconded by Commissioner Weinman. The motion was countered by McCann, recommending adoption of LOS C for suburban areas, and LOS D for the Town Center. There was no second on the countermotion.

Chair Friedman moved to vote on Commissioner Cairn's motion to adopt LOS D. The motion passed with a 5-2 vote, with Commissioners Skone, Cairns, Friedman, Weinman, and Olson voting yea and Commissioners Marshall and McCann voting no.

### **Agenda Item #2 – DCI14-001 Code Interpretation**

Scott Greenberg, Development Services Director, provided a summary of the code interpretation.

Planning Commission asked questions of Scott Greenberg.

Vice-Chair Weinman moved to approve Administrative Interpretation 14-01 as provided in Exhibit 2. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Agenda Item #1b – 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update**

After discussing Agenda item #2, the Planning Commission reviewed the working draft memorandum to the City Council that was attached as Exhibit 5 to Agenda item #1. The commission made minor corrections to the memorandum, with a final version developed during the meeting. Commissioner Marshall moved to approve forwarding the memorandum to the City Council. Chair Freidman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **STAFF COMMENTS:**

There were no staff comments.

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

Commissioner Skone will not be at the October 1<sup>st</sup> meetings. Chair Friedman stated that he will not be at the October 15<sup>th</sup> or November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. No other absences were announced.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

### **NEXT MEETING:**

The next Planning Commission meeting will be October 1, 2014.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

The Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 10:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Lindsay Brown, Planner.