



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

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### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Friedman called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM in the Council Chambers at 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Chair Jon Friedman and Commissioners Craig Olson, David McCann, Suzanne Skone, and Vice Chair Richard Weinman were present. City staff was represented by Christina Schuck, Assistant City Attorney, and George Steirer, Principal Planner.

### **APPEARANCES:**

No one from the public requested to address the commission.

### **MINUTES:**

Commissioner Skone moved to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2014 meeting. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. The Commission unanimously approved the minutes.

### **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

#### **Agenda Item #1 – 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update (Land Use Element)**

George Steirer, Principal Planner, provided a brief staff presentation on proposed Land Use Element, which incorporates previous comments from the August 20, 2014 meeting, and updates the statistics for the city. A majority of the commission requested the following:

1. Replace Action Plan Goal 1.6, regarding population growth targets, with language provided by Vice-Chair Weinman.
2. Remove 2040 forecast numbers from Table 4.
3. Staff to provide a draft memorandum, from the Planning Commission, to the City Council, which would accompany the Planning Commission's recommendation. The memorandum would provide "whereas" statements regarding the update to the land use element, as discussed at the meeting.
4. Minor formatting and spacing editing.
5. Provide a copy of the letter addressed to the Planning Commission, from Alfred L. Skinner, to the Town Center Visioning Subcommittee.

### **STAFF COMMENTS:**

Christina Schuck, Assistant City Attorney, provided a brief update on a possible code change.

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

Chair Friedman stated that he will not be at the October 15<sup>th</sup> or November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next Planning Commission meeting will be September 17, 2014.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 9:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted by George Steirer, Principal Planner