



**PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 16, 2014**

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

Vice-Chair Friedman called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM in the Council Chambers at 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

**ROLL CALL:**

Vice-Chair Jon Friedman, and Commissioners Bryan Cairns, David McCann, Suzanne Skone, and Richard Weinman were present. Commissioners Steve Marshall and Craig Olson were not in attendance. City staff was represented by Scott Greenberg, Development Services Director; Lindsay Brown, Planner; and George Steirer, Principal Planner.

**APPEARANCES:**

1. Kendall Taylor. 3417 74<sup>th</sup> Ave SE
2. Elizabeth Malone. 3435 72nd Pl.

**MINUTES:**

Commissioner Cairns moved to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2014 meeting. Commissioner Skone seconded the motion. The Commission unanimously approved the minutes.

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

**Agenda Item #1 – Zoning Code Amendment for certain P zone standards – ZTR14-001**

Acting Chair Friedman opened the public hearing at 7:10 PM.

Scott Greenberg, Development Services Director, provided a staff presentation on the proposed code text amendment. Dean Mack of Mercer island School District answered questions from the Planning Commission.

Acting Chair Friedman began the public testimony portion of the hearing at 7:31 PM. The following parties provided public testimony:

- Marie Bender (7890 81<sup>st</sup> PI SE)
- Michael Sheehan (7835 85<sup>th</sup> PI SE)
- Marc Berejka (8125 SE 79th St)
- Sandra Harper (7819 85<sup>th</sup> PI SE)
- Sunil Kumar (7870 81<sup>st</sup> PI SE)
- Brandy Fox (Mercer School District)

Acting Chair Friedman closed the public hearing at 8:50PM. The Planning Commission deliberated on the proposal.

Commissioner Skone moved to recommend that the City Council approve the request for amendment of Mercer Island City Code Title 19 as described on Exhibit 1.

Commissioner Weinman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5–0).

**Agenda Item #2 – Rezone Public School Properties to Public Institution (P) zone - RZN14-001**

Scott Greenberg, Development Services Director, provided a staff presentation on the proposed rezone.

Acting Chair Friedman began the public testimony portion of the hearing at 9:00 PM. No one testified on the proposal. The public hearing was closed by Friedman at 9:01 PM.

Commissioner Weinman moved to recommend that the City Council approve the request for reclassification (rezone) of the Lakeridge Elementary property described on Exhibit 1.

Commissioner Skone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5–0).

**Agenda Item #3 – 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update**

Lindsay Brown, Planner, and Mike Stanger for A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) provided a presentation on the working draft changes to the Housing Element.

The Planning Commission reviewed the working draft and provided feedback to be incorporated.

**Agenda Item #4 – Election of Planning Commission Chair, Vice-Chair**

Commissioner Weinman nominated Commissioner Friedman for Chair, and Commissioner Cairns seconded the motion. There were no other nominations for Chair. The Commission unanimously approved (5-0) Commissioner Friedman as Chair of the Planning Commission.

Chair Friedman nominated Commissioner Cairns for Vice-chair. Commissioner Cairns declined the nomination. Chair Friedman nominated Commissioner Weinman for Vice-chair. Commissioner McCann seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

Staff discussed the best way to confirm attendance at future meetings with the Planning Commission.

**PLANNED ABSENCES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:**

Commissioner McCann will not be at the August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**NEXT MEETING:**

There is a special meeting on July 23, 2014.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 10:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Lindsay Brown, Planner