



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

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

Vice-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:**

Vice-Chair Jon Friedman, and Commissioners, Bryan Cairns, Craig Olson, Suzanne Skone, and Richard Weinman were present. Chair Adam Cooper and Commissioner Steve Marshall were not in attendance. City staff was represented by Don Cole, Building Official; Scott Greenberg, Development Services Director; Katie Knight, City Attorney; and George Steirer, Principal Planner.

**APPEARANCES:**

No one requested to provide public testimony.

**MINUTES:**

Commissioner Olson moved to approve the minutes from April 2, 2014, with the noted change that Chair Cooper was not at the last meeting. Commissioner Weinman seconded the motion. The Commission unanimously approved the amended minutes.

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

**Agenda Item #1 - Trellis Long Plat – SUB13-014**

Vice-Chair Friedman opened the open record public hearing, which was continued from April 2, 2014. George Steirer gave a brief presentation. Don Cole and George Steirer answered questions of the Planning Commission.

Charlie Conner, of Conner Homes; Steve Calhoon, of Pace Engineers; and Scott Regal, of Earth Solutions; represented the applicant and provided information on the application. The applicant entered additional geotechnical information into the record.

No one from the public requested to speak. Vice-Chair Friedman closed the public hearing. Commissioner Skone had additional questions of the applicant. Vice-Chair Friedman reopened the public hearing. Questions by the Planning Commission were answered by Steve Calhoon. Vice-Chair Friedman closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Weinman moved that, based upon the above noted Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, long plat application SUB13-014, as depicted in Exhibit 4, be recommended for preliminary approval, subject to the conditions of approval in the April 2<sup>nd</sup> staff report, and authorize the Planning Commission Vice-Chair to sign the Planning Commission's Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law on behalf of the Planning Commission. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion.

Commissioner Weinman moved to amend the original motion so that the Findings of Facts incorporate the date the application was determined complete, the date notice of application was published, and the date the SEPA determination was made, and that condition 10 as stated in staff report include a general statement about replacement of city trees as determined by the city arborist. Olson seconded the amendment. The amendment to the original motion passed unanimously.

The Planning Commission then voted on the original motion as amended, which passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item #2 - Zoning Code Amendment for certain P zone standards – ZTR14-001**

Vice-Chair Friedman opened the open record public hearing, which was continued from April 2, 2014.

Scott Greenberg provided a staff report to the Planning Commission for the code text amendment. The Planning Commission asked Mr. Greenberg questions.

The Planning Commission received public testimony from the following people:

Brandy Fox, Mercer Island School District representative

Marc Berejka 8125 SE 79th St.

Marie Bender 7890 81<sup>st</sup> Pl. SE

Jim Carden, 8741 SE 52<sup>nd</sup> Pl.

Brian Kennett, 4162 W Mercer Way

Robert Maas, 7330 80 Pl. SE

Frank Sorba, 8113 SE 74TH

John Gebhart 7360 81<sup>st</sup> Pl. SE

Everett Rigsbee 7750 80<sup>th</sup> Pl. SE

Patricia Benca 8124 SE 73rd St

Planning Commission took a short recess. The Planning Commission reconvened at 8:44pm

The Planning Commission asked questions of staff, Brandy Fox, and deliberated.

Commissioner Skone moved to continue the public hearing and keep the record open for the May 7, 2014 meeting. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item #3 – Rezone Public School Properties to Public Institution (P) zone - RZN14-001**

Richard Weinman moved to continue the open record public hearing to May 7, 2014. Commissioner Cairns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

There were no staff comments

**PLANNED ABSENCES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:**

No Commissioner stated they would be absent on May 7, 2014.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:**

The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting is May 7, 2014.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 9:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted by George Steirer, Principal Planner