



**PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 2, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Cooper called the meeting to order at 7:13 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; Kathy Parker, City Arborist; Katie Knight, City Attorney; Christina Schuck, Assistant City Attorney; George Steirer, Principal Planner; Herschel Rostov, Fire Marshal; and Patrick Yamashita, City Engineer.

APPEARANCES:

Marc Berejka (no address given), provided comment about the process for the public testimony related to agenda items #1 and #2.

No one else requested to provide public testimony.

MINUTES:

The Commission noted that Chair Cooper was not at the March 20, 2014 meeting. Commissioner Cairns motioned to approve the minutes from March 20, 2014, with the noted change. Commissioner Skone seconded the motion. The Commission unanimously approved the amended minutes.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

Vice-Chair Friedman stated that the Planning Commission would hold separate open record public hearings for agenda item #1, the rezone, and #2, P zone code text amendment, and include all comments in both records.

**Rezone Public School Properties to Public Institution (P) zone - RZN14-001
and Zoning Code Amendment for certain P zone standards – ZTR14-001**

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

Vice Chair Friedman opened the open record public hearing.

Brandy Fox provided a report on the proposed code text revision on behalf of the school district. The Planning Commission asked questions of Ms. Fox.

The Planning Commission received public testimony from the following people:

Ira Appelman, 4436 Ferncroft Road
Kathy Erickson, 8731 SE 52nd Pl.
Jim Carden, 8741 SE 52nd Pl
Gideon Yuval 7660 81st Pl. SE
Mark Lawless 7545 81st Pl. SE
Patricia Benca 8124 SE 73rd St
Sunil Kumar 7870 81st Pl. SE
John Gebhart 7360 81st Pl. SE
Gertru Vandevender 7320 81st Pl. SE
Ruth Jacobs 7380 81st Pl. SE
Marie Bender 7890 81st Pl. SE
Robert Maas 7330 80 Pl. SE
Melissa Milburn 7480 81st Pl. SE
Bradley Fowler 8721 SE 52nd Pl.
Marc Berejka 8125 SE 79th St.
Andrea Pirzio-Biroli 4224 W Mercer Way
Everett Rigsbee 7750 80th Pl. SE

The Planning Commission asked questions of staff, and provided direction on additional research and options to the code change. The Planning Commission left the open record hearing open for April 16. Commissioner Weinman moved to keep the record open for the April 16, 2014 meeting. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice-Chair Freidman opened the open record public hearing for the proposed rezone. The Planning Commission received public testimony from the following people:

Ira Appelman, 4436 Ferncroft Road
Marie Bender 7890 81st Pl. SE
Everett Rigsbee 7750 80th Pl. SE
John Gebhart 7360 81st Pl. SE
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Trellis Long Plat – SUB13-014

George Steirer gave a summary of the proposed long plat.
Don Cole and George Steirer answered questions of the Planning Commission.

Vice-Chair Friedman opened the open record public hearing.

Charlie Conner, of Conner Homes; Eric Beckes, former property owner; Steve Calhoon, of Pace Engineers; and Scott Regal, of Earth Solutions; represented the applicant and provided information on the application.

Larry Hamlin, of 2980 76th Ave SE, President of the HOA for the Mercerdale Park Condominiums, provided testimony.

The Planning Commission asked questions of applicant representatives and staff.

Alan Boeker, of Conner Homes, also provided information on the applicant.

The Planning Commission left the open record hearing open for April 16, 2014. Commissioner Olson moved to keep the record open for the April 16, 2014 Planning Commission meeting. Commissioner Weinman 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 April 16, 2014.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

None

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting is April 16, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 10:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted by George Steirer, Principal Planner