



**PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 20, 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, Steve Marshall, and Craig Olson were present. Commissioner Suzanne Skone arrived at 7:23 PM. Chair Adam Cooper and Commissioner Richard Weinman were not in attendance. City staff was represented by Shana Crick, Senior Planner; Christina Schuck, Assistant City Attorney; and George Steirer, Principal Planner.

APPEARANCES:

No members of the public requested to speak.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Olson motioned to approve the minutes from February 5, 2014. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. The Commission unanimously approved the amended minutes.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

Agenda Item #1: Mercerwood Shore Club Conditional Use Permit (CUP13-001)

Shana Crick provided a brief staff report to the Planning Commission.

Acting Chair Friedman opened the open record public hearing. No members from the public requested to speak.

Adrienne Watkins of Weinstein AU provided a brief presentation for the application.

Questions were answered by Shana Crick, George Steirer, and Christina Schuck.

The Planning Commission deliberated on the application. Acting Chair Friedman closed the open record hearing.

Commissioner Marshall moved to grant the Mercerwood Shore Club approval of a conditional use permit for a noncommercial recreational area at 4150 West Mercer Way allowing for: 1) the construction of a new two story, 8,185 square foot clubhouse upon demolition of the existing clubhouse; and 2) modifications to the existing club grounds and parking areas, as shown in Exhibit 1 of the March 20, 2014 Planning Commission meeting packet, and as conditioned by the March 20, 2014 staff report to the Planning Commission provided that

condition 5 shall be modified to state “the removal of native vegetation is to be minimized and limited to active construction areas as shown in Sheet G103 of Exhibit 1.”

Commissioner Cairns seconded the motion.

The motion passed with five yeas and no nays.

Agenda Item #2: Planning Commission Work Program

George Steirer gave a summary of the proposed work program.

The Planning Commission discussed the proposed work program. Mr. Steirer responded to questions from the Commission.

Acting Chair Friedman opened the record for the public to provide comments. Robert Thorpe of 5800 West Mercer Way spoke regarding the proposed Planning Commission Work Program. Acting Chair Friedman closed the record.

Commissioner Olson moved to recommend approval of the 2014 prioritized Planning Commission Work Program shown in Exhibits 1, 2, and 3 and amended to exclude the Thrift Shop rezone. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. The motion passed with five yeas and no nays.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Principal Planner Steirer provided information regarding the status of the Shoreline Master Program. Mr. Steirer also discussed the proposed Mercer Island School District rezones.

PLANNED ABSENCES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

Commissioner Marshall may be absent on April 2, 2014.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

None

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting is April 2, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 8:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Shana Crick, Senior Planner