



**PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 5, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Cooper called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM in the Council Chambers at 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

ROLL CALL:

Chair Adam Cooper, Vice-Chair Jon Friedman, and Commissioners Bryan Cairns, Steve Marshall, and Craig Olson were present. Commissioners Suzanne Skone and Richard Weinman were not in attendance. City staff was represented by Travis Saunders, Planner; Scott Greenberg, Development Services Director; Katie Knight, City Attorney; Kathy Parker, City Arborist; Christina Schuck, Assistant City Attorney; and George Steirer, Principal Planner.

APPEARANCES:

No members of the public requested to speak.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Marshall motioned to approve the minutes from January 29, 2014. Commissioner Cairns seconded the motion. The Commission unanimously approved the minutes as written.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

Agenda Item #1: Open Record Appeal Hearing, File APL13-002 for SUB13-006

Assistant City Attorney Christina Schuck asked Commissioner if they had any potential appearance of fairness of conflict of interest. Vice-Chair Friedman stated he knows the applicant and people in the area. He stated that it would not affect his ability to be impartial. There were no challenges from the audience.

Travis Saunders provided a staff presentation.

One of the appellants, David Taylor, of 3417 74th Ave SE provided a presentation.

The applicant's attorney, Robert Johns of 1601 114th Avenue SE, Suite 110, Bellevue, WA 98004, provided a presentation.

Mr. Taylor provided a rebuttal.

No rebuttal was provided by Mr. Johns.

Mr. Taylor, and Gary Upper of JayMarc Luxury Homes, LLC answered questions of the Planning Commission. Questions from the Planning Commission were also answered by the following City staff: Katie Knight, City Attorney; Kathy Parker, City Arborist; Travis Saunders,

Planner; George Steirer, Principal Planner; and Scott Greenberg, Development Services Director.

The Planning Commission deliberated on the appeal.

Planning Commission Cairns moved the Planning Commission adopts the Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Exhibit 1 for the preliminary short plat approval identified by project number SUB13-006, confirming City staff's approval, as clarified in the record, without modification.

Commissioner Craig seconded the motion.

The motion passed with four yeas and one nay.

STAFF COMMENTS:

None

PLANNED ABSENCES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

None

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting is February 19, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 9:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Travis Saunders, Planner