CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chair Brandt called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM in the Council Chambers, 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

ROLL CALL:

Chair Richard Erwin; Vice-Chair Colin Brandt; Commissioners Susanne Foster, Daniel Hubbell, Lara Sanderson and Hui Tian were present. Commissioner Tami Szerlip was excused.

STAFF PRESENT:

Shana Restall, Principal Planner; Travis Saunders, Senior Planner; and Christina Schuck, Assistant City Attorney were present.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:

The Commission reviewed the minutes from the September 9, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Foster motioned to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brandt. The minutes were approved as written by a unanimous vote of 6-0.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

Agenda Item #1: Preliminary Design Review - 7420 LLC Townhomes - 7420 SE 27th Street (DSR15-007)

Christina Schuck, Assistant City Attorney, polled the Design Commission regarding potential appearance of fairness issues.

Shana Restall, Principal Planner, provided the staff presentation and responded to questions from the Commission.

Gary Nash of Nash and Associates, 11644 NE 80th St, Kirkland, WA 98033, provided a presentation and responded to questions from the Commission.

The Commission discussed the proposal and reviewed concerns from the March 12, 2014 study session regarding the subject proposal.

Commissioner Hubbell motioned to deny 7420, LLC preliminary design approval for a proposed five townhome multi-family development to be located at 7420 SE 27th Street, as shown in Exhibits 1 and 2. Commissioner Tian seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Agenda Item #2: Study Session – New Seasons Market - 2755 77th Avenue SE (DSR15-023)

Travis Saunders, Senior Planner, provided the staff presentation and responded to questions from the Commission.

Greg Mitchell of LRS Architects, 720 NW Davis, Suite 300, Portland, OR 97209, provided a presentation for the applicant and responded to questions from the Commission.

The Design Commission provided feedback to New Seasons Market.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Staff inquired about the availability of the Commission on October 28, 2015 to discuss findings for the 7420, LLC project (DSR15-007).

PLANNED ABSENCES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

No planned absences were announced.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

The next regularly scheduled meeting is October 28, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Travis Saunders, Senior Planner