



# DESIGN COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MAY 13, 2015

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## **CALL TO ORDER:**

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

## **ROLL CALL:**

Chair Richard Erwin; Commissioners Susanne Foster, Daniel Hubbell, Lara Sanderson and Tami Szerlip were present. Vice-Chair Colin Brandt arrived at 7:04 PM. Commissioner Hui Tian arrived at 7:05 PM.

## **STAFF PRESENT:**

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

## **MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL:**

The Commission reviewed the minutes from the November 12, 2014 meeting. Commissioner Hubbell motioned to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Szerlip. The minutes were approved as written by a unanimous vote of 7-0.

During the December 10, 2014 Design Commission meeting, Commissioner Foster inquired if the detention pond screening that was verbally agreed upon was written down as part of the record for file DSR14-020. Staff agreed to verify if the verbal agreement was reflected in the written record during the next Design Commission meeting. Senior Planner, Travis Saunders, responded during the review of the December 10, 2015 minutes that the verbal agreement was incorporated into the Design Commission decision. Mr. Saunders also stated that the building permit plans had since come in and they also reflected the verbal agreement. Commissioner Foster motioned to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2014 meeting as amended. Commissioner Hubbell seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as amended unanimously (7-0).

## **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

### **Agenda Item #1: Open Record Public Hearing – South End QFC Shopping Center – 8421 SE 68<sup>th</sup> Street**

Will Piro, Assistant Planner, provided the staff presentation. The Commission asked question of Mr. Piro.

Tim Hawkins of Signature Landscape Services (8332 196<sup>th</sup> Ave NE Redmond, WA 98053) provided a presentation for the applicant and responded to questions from the Design Commission.

Chair Erwin opened the open record hearing at 7:52 PM.

Public comments were provided by:

Kevin Peck of 6825 84th Avenue SE, Mercer Island, WA 98040 provided testimony.

Ira Appelman of 4436 Ferncroft Road, Mercer Island, WA 98040 provided testimony.

The Commissioners deliberated the proposal.

Vice-Chair Brandt motioned to grant design approval for the landscape replacement, as depicted in Exhibits 1 and 2, and as conditioned by the May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 staff report to the Design Commission, including the recommended conditions of approval, which shall be modified as follows:

Revise condition #2 to read: *The applicant shall replant all trees, with replacement trees identified on the approved planting plan and measuring at least (12) feet tall on the north side of the site [SE 68<sup>th</sup> Street] and at*

least (20) feet tall on the west side of the site [84<sup>th</sup> Ave SE].

Add condition #6 to read: *The list of the approved replacement trees shall be increased to include two additional high reaching species that are consistent with the existing species list. "High reaching" shall be defined as 50 feet plus in height at the time of the trees maturity.*

Commissioner Hubbell seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 7-0.

Chair Erwin closed the open record hearing at 8:22 PM.

## **Agenda Item #2: Study Session – Aegis Assisted Living Community – 7445 SE 24<sup>th</sup> Street**

Travis Saunders, Senior Planner, gave a brief presentation and responded to questions from the Commission.

Michael Derr of Aegis Living (17602 NE Union Hill Road, Redmond, WA 98052) introduced the project.

Kevin McKee of Ankrom Moisan Architects, Inc. (117 South Main Street, #400, Seattle, WA 98104) provided a presentation for the applicant and responded to questions from the Design Commission along with Mr. Derr.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Shana Restall stated that elections for Chair and Vice-Chair would be held during the May 27, 2015 meeting.

### **PLANNED ABSENCES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:**

No planned absences were announced.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is May 27, 2015. Elections for Chair and Vice-Chair will be held during the May 27, 2015 meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Commissioner Szerlip moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hubbell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shana Restall, Principal Planner