



CITY OF MERCER ISLAND PLANNING COMMISSION SPECIAL VIDEO MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 12, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

Chair Tiffin Goodman
Vice Chair Jennifer Mechem
Commissioner Carolyn Boatsman
Commissioner Daniel Hubbell
Commissioner Michael Murphy
Commissioner Lucia Pirzio-Biroli
Commissioner Ted Weinberg
All Commissioners participated in the meeting remotely.

ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Jeff Thomas, Interim CPD Director, Andrea Larson, Sr. Administrative Assistant, Alison Van Gorp, Deputy CPD Director and Robin Proebsting, Sr. Planner, participated in the meeting remotely.

ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR

Election of Chair

Mechem nominated Dan Hubbell for Chair.
Boatsman nominated Ted Weinberg for Chair.
Weinberg nominated Jennifer Mechem for chair

Vote 1

Hubbell - 5-2
Commissioner Hubbell elected Chair

Election of Vice Chair

Goodman nominated Jennifer Mechem for Vice Chair
Mechem nominated Ted Weinberg for Vice Chair

Vote 1

Mechem - 7-0
Commissioner Mechem elected Vice Chair

PLANNING COMMISSION BYLAWS

Moved by Weinberg, seconded by Boatsman;

To approve the Planning Commission Bylaws.

The Commission requested the appointment process be corrected to the new process that was defined by City Council in 2020, that was omitted by scrivener's error.

It was moved by Goodman; seconded by Weinberg to add:

If the chair and vice chair are not present for the annual elections staff will conduct the election of the chair.

Passed 7-0

Main motion passed as amended 7-0

MINUTES

Moved by Boatsman, Seconded by Commissioner Pirzio-Biroli to:

Approve the February 5, 2020 minutes.

Passed 5-0-2, Commissioners Weinberg and Murphy abstained

APPEARANCES

There were no appearances.

REGULAR BUSINESS

2020 Comprehensive Plan and Development Code Amendment Preliminary Docket

Alison Van Gorp, CPD Deputy Director, gave a presentation on the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Development Code Amendments preliminary docket and discussed the process with the Commission.

The Commission went through each proposed amendment and after the first round found the following motions that were moved forward to the Docket without further Commission discussion:

Amendment Nos. - 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5

The Commission discussed proposed amendments 6-16.

The Commission discussed proposed amendment No. 6.

Vote: Failed - 0-7 proposed amendment did not advance to the final docket.

The Commission discussed proposed amendment No. 7.

Vote: Failed - 0-7 proposed amendment did not advance to the final docket.

The Commission discussed proposed amendment No. 8. The Commission noted that this amendment is a duplicate of amendment No. 1.

Vote: Failed - 0-7 proposed amendment did not advance to the final docket.

The Commission discussed amendment No. 9.

Vote: Failed - 2-5 proposed amendment did not advance to the final docket.

The Commission noted that amendment No. 9, should be included as part of a separate recommendation to Council that this development code amendment should be picked up if staff has sufficient time.

The Commission discussed amendment No. 10.

Vote: Failed - 2-5 proposed amendment did not advance to the final docket.

The Commission decided on consensus to discuss amendments No. 11, 12, 13, 14 and 16 as one body since they all regard the Residential Development Standards and to discuss amendment No. 15 separately.

The Commission discussed amendment No. 15.

Vote: Failed - 0-7 proposed amendment did not advance to the final docket.

The Commission discussed amendments No. 11, 12, 13, 14 and 16.

Vote: Failed - 0-7 proposed amendment did not advance to the final docket.

It was moved by Pirzio-Biroli, seconded by Murphy;

To move forward Amendments Nos. 1 – 5 from the Planning Commission packet to the Docket recommendation to City Council

Passed 7-0

It was moved by Boatsman, seconded by Weinberg;

To include a recommendation in the staff report that Amendments No. 9 be done as staff time allows outside the docket process for this development code amendment.

Passed 7-0

OTHER BUSINESS

Director's Report

Jeff Thomas, Interim CPD Director, gave a brief update to the Commission introducing himself as the new Interim CPD Director

Planned Absences

There were no planned absences.

Next Scheduled Meeting: January 20, 2021

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