
PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES



Wednesday, August 21, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Goodman at 6:03 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers at 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

ROLL CALL

Chair Tiffin Goodman, Vice Chair Craig Reynolds, Commissioners, Carolyn Boatsman, Daniel Hubbell, and Ted Weinberg were present. Commissioners Jennifer Mechem and Lucia Pirzio-Biroli were absent.

STAFF PRESENT

Evan Maxim, CPD Director, Andrea Larson, Senior Administrative Assistant, Mona Davis, Planning Manager, and Robin Proebsting, Senior Planner.

MINUTES

It was moved by Hubble, seconded by Boatsman to:

Approve the August 5, 2019 minutes.

Passed as amended 5-0

APPEARANCES

Jonathan Harrington, 9514 SE 68th St. He thanked the Commission for their work on climate change.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Agenda Item #1: 2019 Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Robin Proebsting, Senior Planner, provided a presentation on the 2019 Comprehensive Plan Amendments.

The Planning Commission reviewed the Comprehensive Plan amendments and provided feedback to staff.

The Commission gave a thumbs up for Item 1 to proceed to the public hearing draft.

The Commission stated that the word "ensure" on 28.9.a should be changed to "promote", and to remove the last sentence of 28.9.a.

Item 2, 28.9.c the Commission stated that the word "promote" should be inserted and the word "seek" should be replaced with "consider".

The Commission stated that the part of the sentence in the introduction to Item 2, "is a paramount challenge of this generation and has" should be deleted, changing the statement to "Climate change has far reaching..."

The Commission indicated Item 2, 28.5 should change to "Support annual reporting..."

The Commission took a break until 8:37pm.

The Commission provided a reworded sentence for Item 2, 28.7 "Establish a policy for selecting the GHG initiatives that balance the impact and probability of success of each initiative. Utilize methods by K4C to form an analysis of the cumulative effects of the initiatives, as appropriate.

The Commission indicated that Item 2, 28.8.a should be changed to "acceptable low GHG options for traveling to and from inter-island Community connection points"

The Commission stated that both 28.8 and 28.9 of Item 2, should be changed to "Consider" instead of "Prioritize".

On Item 2, 28.10.c the Commission asked to change "seek" to "Consider changes as necessary..."

The Commission indicated that Item 2, Goal 29 should be reworded.

The Commission stated that on Item 2, 5.10 should be deleted and to add to 5.2 to strive to reduce waste via landfill or incinerator.

Vice-Chair Reynolds submitted a reworded proposal for Item 3, Exhibit CR- 8/21/219.

The Commission reworded Vice-Chair Reynolds proposed wording in Exhibit CR- 8/21/19 for Item 3 to read "Support the Continued economic development in town center. Engage residents, community organizations, and businesses in a collaborative effort to establish a strategy for island economic development."

The Commission recommends looking at Item 4, 7.8 to make sure it adequately captures what is trying to be conveyed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Evan Maxim, CPD Director, gave an update on the Planning Commission schedule.

PLANNED ABSENCES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Commissioner Hubble will be absent on September 4, 2019.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The next Planning Commission meeting is on September 4, 2019 at 6:00PM.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02PM.