



# PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 3, 2018

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## CALL TO ORDER

The Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Daniel Hubbell at 6:07 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers at 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

## ROLL CALL

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

Evan Maxim, Interim Development Services Director, Andrea Larson, Senior Administrative Assistant, Robin Proebsting, Senior Planner, Bio Park, Assistant City Attorney, and Troy Mandeville, Systems Administrator, were present.

## MINUTES

There were no minutes to approve.

## APPEARANCES

Ted Burns, Seaborn Pile Driving, 9311 SE 36<sup>th</sup> St, Ste 204, spoke regarding water course buffer areas, and how they cause them to create unnatural shorelines that is inconsistent with other state agencies. He also spoke regarding dock heights and the safety issues due to the changes in lake Washington water level. He spoke regarding moorage covers, and the amount of light penetration needed underneath. He stated that the City needs to identify and clarify the difference between soft and hard-shell moorage covers.

## SPECIAL BUSINESS

### **Agenda Item #1: Planning Commissioner Email Accounts**

Troy Mandeville, Systems Administrator, assisted the Planning Commissioners in setting up their City email accounts.

## REGULAR BUSINESS

### **Agenda Item #2: ZTR18-002 Critical Areas Code Amendment**

Robin Proebsting, Senior planner, provided a brief presentation on the Critical Areas Code Amendment.

Commissioner Boatsman stated that in 19.07.110.e.6.a “noxious weeds” should be defined.

Commissioner Prizio-Biroli indicated that it should be clarified how wording is used regarding crossing a stream or water course vs. running parallel.

The Commission took a break until 8:16 pm.

### **Agenda Item #3: 2019 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket**

Evan Maxim, Interim Director, gave a brief presentation on the process for recommending the docket for Comprehensive Plan amendments to the City Council. He also presented the preliminary 2019 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket.

Commissioners proposed the following additional items for the 2019 Comprehensive Plan amendment docket:

- Establish goals and policies to prevent and mitigate climate change (excepting waste and water)
- Establish goals and policies to develop and implement an Urban Forest Management Plan
- The use of public rights of way for public benefit
- Goals and policies to reduce and manage (commercial) noise in residential neighborhoods
- Remove specific subarea designation in Comp Plan (single color for Town Center plan).
- Consider move some of the Comp Plan language to the City code.
- Possible alternative to item 1
- Reconstruction of the land use map - further simplify and refine the land use map.
- Clean up the Housing Element.
- City tree program.
- Pre-design for ADUs (plumb and wire)

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Evan Maxim, Interim DSG Director, gave a report on the regarding the two items that went before the City Council: Transportation Concurrency and 2018 Comprehensive Plan Amendments. He also spoke about the Code Compliance and Code Cleanup amendments that were approved by City Council and went into effect on October 1 ,2018. He also discussed two upcoming community meetings that he would like to have members of the of the commission attend.

Chair Hubble discussed the upcoming APA conference that he will be presenting at regarding public out reach during the Residential Design Standards updates.

### **PLANNED ABSENCES**

Commissioner Weinberg will be absent on December 11, 2018.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next Planning Commission meeting will be on October 17, 2018 at 6:00 pm at Mercer Island City Hall.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.