



## **PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 15, 2018**

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### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Daniel Hubbell at 6:04 PM in the Council Chambers at 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Chair Daniel Hubbell, Vice Chair Tiffin Goodman, Commissioners Craig Reynolds, Carolyn Boatsman, and Lucia Pirzio-Biroli were present. Commissioner Ted Weinberg was absent. Commissioner Jennifer Mechem arrived at 6:31pm.

City staff was represented by Evan Maxim, Interim Director, Robin Proebsting, Senior Planner, Andrea Larson, Senior Administrative Assistant, and Bio Park, Assistant City Attorney.

### **MINUTES:**

Commissioner Reynolds moved to approve the July 18, 2018 minutes. Commissioner Boatsman seconded the motion. The minutes were approved 5-0-0.

Commissioner Pirzio-Biroli moved to approve the August 1, 2018 minutes. Vice Chair Goodman seconded the motion. The minutes were approved 5-0-0.

### **APPEARANCES:**

There were no public appearances.

### **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

Evan Maxim, Interim Director, gave a brief presentation on the Planning Commission Workplan. The Commission discussed the option of sub-committees.

#### **Agenda Item #1: ZTR18-002 Critical Areas Code Amendment**

Robin Proebsting, Senior Planner, provided a brief presentation on the recommended amendments to the City's critical areas regulations.

Commissioner Boatsman indicated that items with buffer averaging or reducing, need to be moved to major issues.

Commissioner Boatsman stated that staff should look at Bainbridge Island's approach to noxious weeds and instead of state wide noxious weeds list, use the county list of noxious weeds.

The Commission reviewed and confirmed BAS- recommended approach to minor issues.

The Commission reviewed the major issues.

The Commission stated that for major issue #1 Watercourses- Riparian Buffer Widths to proceed with alternate Policy option #1.

The Commission recessed at 8:28 PM

The Commission reconvened at 8:36 PM.

The Commission stated that they want to include daylighting through the incentive of reduction on watercourses.

The Commission indicated that for issue #3 they were split on whether to allow both averaging and reduction or just averaging.

The Commission stated that they agree with the BAS recommendation for major issue #4, but that they also need more information from jurisdictions that have more stringent regulations.

The Commission stated that they would like more information on the BAS regarding major issue #5 and more information regarding FWHCA's.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Evan Maxim briefed the commission on the two code amendments that are going to city council on September 4<sup>th</sup> (code compliance & procedural). Comprehensive plan amendments will go to city council on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

**PLANNED ABSENCES:**

None

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next special Planning Commission meeting will be on August 29, 2018 at 6PM at Mercer Island City Hall.

The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting will be on September 5, 2018 at 6:00PM at Mercer Island City Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 PM.