



## **PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 19, 2016**

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### **CALL TO ORDER:**

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

### **ROLL CALL:**

Chair Suzanne Skone, Vice Chair Richard Weinman and Commissioners Bryan Cairns, Tiffin Goodman, Daniel Hubbell, Jennifer Mechem and Lucia Pirzio-Biroli were present. City staff was represented by Scott Greenberg, Development Services Director, Alison Van Gorp, Administrative Services Manager/Ombudsman, Evan Maxim, Planning Manager and Nicole Gaudette, Senior Planner.

### **APPEARANCES:**

Carv Zwingle, 6250 East Mercer Way spoke regarding the Mercer Island Center for the Arts (MICA) and the proposed Comprehensive Plan docket.

Peter Struck 9130 SE 54th Street spoke regarding MICA and the proposed Comprehensive Plan docket.

Tracy Granbois, 8440 SE 82<sup>nd</sup> Street spoke regarding MICA's proposed code amendment and parking.

Leon Cohen, 9219 SE 33<sup>rd</sup> Place thanked the Commission for their service.

Alan Reed, Emmanuel Church spoke regarding the proposed code amendment related to religious institutions.

### **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

#### **Agenda Item #1: Preliminary Docket – 2017 Comprehensive Plan Amendments**

Evan Maxim, Planning Manager presented the proposed preliminary docket of Comprehensive Plan Amendments to the Planning Commission. He explained the process for creating a preliminary docket and a final docket. The basic question: "Is it worth spending additional time reviewing these proposed preliminary docket items in 2017?". Mr. Maxim responded to questions from the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Hubbell moved to recommend approval of the preliminary docket of Comprehensive Plan Amendments to the City Council for creation of a final docket of Comprehensive Plan Amendments, for review in 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Goodman.

Vice-Chair Weinman expressed concern related to the timing and lack of specifics in several of the proposed docket items. He felt that amending the Comprehensive Plan should occur prior to considering code amendments. He would like more details in future docket items but is willing to be lenient for the first time this new docketing process is being used.

Motion passes 6-1 (Weinman opposed)

#### **Agenda Item #2: ZTR16-005: Zoning Code Text Amendment related to Religious Institutions**

Nicole Gaudette, Senior Planner introduced the proposed amendment. She provided an overview of the 2005 code amendment and described the resulting problem for rectories / parsonages. She requested that the Commission identify what, if any, additional information they needed for review of the proposed amendments on November 30. Ms. Gaudette responded to questions from the Planning Commission.

**Agenda Item #3: ZTR16-004: Zoning Code Text Amendment related to Residential Design Standards**

Evan Maxim, Planning Manager presented an overview of the Binder Materials contained in the packet.

Alison van Gorp described the proposed agenda and process for the community kickoff meeting on October 26.

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

Evan Maxim, Planning Manager reviewed the Planning Commission's calendar. The Planning Commission added a special meeting on Wednesday, November 30, 2016, and a special meeting on Monday, December 12, 2016.

**PLANNED ABSENCES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:**

NONE

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at MICEC

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Skone adjourned the meeting at 9:54 PM.