



PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 6, 2014

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Friedman called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM in the Council Chambers at 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

ROLL CALL:

Chair Jon Friedman and Commissioners Steve Marshall, Craig Olson and Richard Weinman were present. Commissioners Bryan Cairns, David McCann, and Suzanne Skone were not in attendance. City staff was represented by Lindsay Brown, Planner; and George Steirer, Principal Planner.

APPEARANCES:

No one from the public was present.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Olson moved to approve the minutes from the July 23, 2014 meeting. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. The Commission unanimously approved the minutes.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

Agenda Item #1 – 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update

Lindsay Brown, Planner, provided a brief staff presentation on the second review of the draft Housing Element. The Planning Commission discussed the current schedule for review of additional comprehensive plan elements.

Lindsay Brown, Planner, and Mike Stanger for A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) answered questions from the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission reviewed the working draft and provided feedback to be incorporated. The Planning Commission agreed to move the draft forward with to the formal draft and public hearing, with the following changes to be incorporated:

1. Move the planning context chapter so that it immediately follows the introduction and precedes the land use assumptions section.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Staff discussed the format for future Comprehensive Plan Update materials. All Commissioners in attendance agreed that they'd like to see only those policies proposed for significant changes on a matrix, and the strike and delete format for Comprehensive Plan Element text changes. Staff will poll the Commissioners to inquire about absences for the

upcoming scheduled meetings, and will adjust the 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update schedule accordingly if a quorum is unlikely for a future meeting.

PLANNED ABSENCES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

Chair Friedman will likely not be at the August 20th meeting. Commissioner Marshall will not be at the September 3rd meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

NEXT MEETING:

The next Planning Commission meeting will be August 20, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Lindsay Brown, Planner