



## **PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES MAY 14, 2014**

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### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Vice-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:**

Vice-Chair Jon Friedman, and Commissioners Bryan Cairns, Steve Marshall, Craig Olson, Suzanne Skone, and Richard Weinman were present. Chair Adam Cooper was not in attendance. City staff was represented by Scott Greenberg, Development Services Director and Katie Knight, City Attorney.

### **APPEARANCES:**

Jim Carden, 8741 SE 52<sup>nd</sup> Pl.

### **MINUTES:**

Commissioner Marshall moved to approve the minutes from May 7, 2014 meeting. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. The Commission unanimously approved the minutes.

### **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

#### **Agenda Item #1 - Zoning Code Amendment for certain P zone standards – ZTR14-001**

Vice-Chair Friedman opened the open record public hearing, which was continued from May 7, 2014.

Scott Greenberg provided a staff report to the Planning Commission for the code text amendment. The Commission asked questions of Mr. Greenberg.

The Commission requested a presentation by the Mercer Island School District. Dean Mack and Brandy Fox reviewed the proposed setbacks and height limits at each school site. The Commission asked questions of Ms. Fox.

The Planning Commission received public testimony from the following people:

Buzz Rigsbee, 7750 80<sup>th</sup> Pl. SE  
John Gebhart, 7360 81<sup>st</sup> Pl. SE  
James VerPlanck, 7420 81<sup>st</sup> Pl. SE  
Kathy Erickson, 8731 SE 52<sup>nd</sup> Pl.  
Robert Maas, 7330 80<sup>th</sup> Pl. SE  
Ruth Jacobs, 7380 81<sup>st</sup> Pl. SE  
Marc Berejka, 8125 SE 79th St.  
David DeSouza, 7201 Holly Hill Dr.  
Ralph Jorgenson, 8040 84<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE

Following deliberation, Vice-Chair Friedman closed the public hearing. Commissioner Cairns moved to recommend that the City Council approve draft Ordinance 14C-06 as amended, amending Mercer Island City Code Title 19. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item #2 – Rezone Public School Properties to Public Institution (P) zone - RZN14-001**

Vice-Chair Friedman opened the open record public hearing, which was continued from May 7, 2014.

Scott Greenberg provided a staff report to the Planning Commission for the proposed rezones.

The Planning Commission received public testimony from the following people:

Buzz Rigsbee, 7750 80<sup>th</sup> Pl. SE

Following deliberation, Vice-Chair Friedman closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Weinman moved to recommend that the City Council approve draft Ordinance 14C-07 reclassifying properties. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Olson moved to encourage the City Council to confirm the School District's current parking and vehicle access plan at Islander Middle School. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

There were no staff comments

**PLANNED ABSENCES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:**

Commissioner Marshall stated that he may be absent on May 21, 2014.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on May 21, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 9:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Scott Greenberg, Development Services Director