

CITY OF LYNNWOOD
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
January 13, 2000

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SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 14, 2000, MEETING

Comprehensive Plan – 5-year Update: “Let’s Talk about Lynnwood Neighborhoods”:

The public meeting was a great success as many citizens came for the open house and stayed for the meeting portion to comment.

Overview of the Planning Commission Vision Statement:

Commission moved to submit it's original Vision Statement, with minor changes, to the City Council for approval.

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M.

B. ELECTION OF PLANNING COMMISSION OFFICERS FOR YEAR 2000

Commissioner Johnson moved to nominate Commissioner Hanson as Planning Commission Chair. Commissioner Nelson seconded. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Nelson moved to nominate Commissioner Johnson as Planning Commission First Vice-Chair. Commissioner Ferguson seconded. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Powers moved to nominate Commissioner Ferguson as Planning Commission Second Vice-Chair. Commissioner Hudson seconded. Motion Carried.

C. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 9, 1999, MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Hanson moved to approve the minutes for December 9, 1999, seconded by Commissioner Temples. Commissioner Hudson abstained from voting, as he was not present at the December 9, 1999, meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

D. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Bruce Vanderwall – 19401 – 40th Ave. W. requested that the Commissioners ask staff to look at the Mixed Use Zone. He would like the zoning code to be amended to correct the problems that currently limit retail commercial development, so that development could occur along Alderwood Mall Parkway that will match development that has already been allowed in the surrounding area. Commissioner Hudson suggested that this item be brought up in a work session.

Jacki Crowther – 4624 – 181st Pl. SW, stated that, as a home owner, she would like to see smaller businesses brought into Lynnwood to enhance the sense of community. Huge mega-stores don't do that.

Dennis Oppenstad - 19302 – 71st Pl. W, hopes that the Commissioner do not layer the codes. That would make a hodge podge of complicated regulations. Instead, make the codes strong and stick to them.

E. PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER DISCLOSURES

None.

F. PUBLIC MEETING

ITEM F-1: Comprehensive Plan – 5-year Update: “Let’s Talk about Lynnwood Neighborhoods” Planning Manager Hough introduced the outline of questions and discussion issues that were mailed to 500 - 600 citizens of Lynnwood and described the schedule of upcoming open house meetings on different planning topics.

Jesse Nagel – 5920 – 220th St. SW stated that the city streets scare her. Specifically 60th Avenue between 196th Street and 180th Street. The east side of the street has no sidewalks and people in powered wheelchairs have to cross to the west side. There are no lights (signals) to assist the crossing. She would like to see sidewalks installed in that area.

Dennis Oppenstad – 19302 – 71st Place W. asked for a clarification of the definition of a sidewalk and the maintenance responsibilities. Harry Dahm of the Public Works Department described sidewalks, walkways, and indicated that the abutting property owner is generally responsible for sidewalk maintenance. Mr. Oppenstad recommended that the City Council members and Commissioners walk around the City, instead of driving, and note that the sidewalks are in poor shape. He feels that the City is deteriorating and would like to see the City enforce its codes.

Jacki Crowther – 4624 – 181st Place W suggested that the City get a corp of volunteers to help patrol the neighborhoods. The added community involvement might stop the deterioration. She would also like to see the Park and Ride expanded. It appears to be over capacity now. Safety is an issue. Kids can't ride their bicycles safely in Lynnwood. As a design issue, Jacki asked the Commission to consider the intensity of lighting on streets and on businesses. Some lighting is too bright. She referred to "Northwest Landing" in DuPont as a good example of community design. We have too much "strip development". Parks should be designed with both people and wildlife in mind. Maybe there will be an opportunity for a wildlife sanctuary.

Mercedes Martinez - 19308 – 73rd Place. She is a retiree who is home more now and doesn't like what she sees in Lynnwood. She sees lots of garbage and bypass traffic in residential areas. She indicated that traffic calming devices might be useful in reducing and slowing the bypass traffic. Stated the her corner is very dangerous and a island put in the middle would at least slow the traffic down so the children would be a little safer. Don't forget about the old water and sewer systems in the city. She objects to asphalt sidewalks.

Dwayne Carter – 3822 – 183rd St. SW. He would like to see Pioneer Park expanded to the south so it would be more accessible to the nearby retirement home. Sidewalks need improvement.

Helen Tomminger – 16415 – 66th Ave. W. She described a neighborhood parking problem when there is a jamboree (or other event) at Meadowdale Park. On such occasions there is not enough

parking and attendees park, often illegally, in the adjacent neighborhoods. She suggested that Parks and Recreation notify the Police Department whenever events are taking place so that this area could be patrolled at those times.

Ginger Orment - 19906 – 28th Ave. She spoke of a potential traffic issue along 28th if the proposed Heritage Park is constructed. Staff informed her that the park will be on Poplar way, not on 28th Avenue.

G. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Cutts reported that the Council had no meetings in late December. At the first meeting in January the Council approved a funding contribution for the Edmonds Community College Plan's Traffic Analysis. The College District Plan has been pending since the Commission's public hearing on June 24, 1999. It will be brought back to Commissioners soon.

Also, the Council approved the 1999 housekeeping zoning code amendments. The only one they removed was the one regarding habitable space in free standing accessory structures.

City Council also approved the ordinance allowing temporary signs during street construction on Highway 99, adding in that these should be "no fee" permits.

The agenda for the joint Council/Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, January 19, has been changed to remove the Sound Transit presentation. Hopefully, the Commission will be able to meet with Sound Transit at a future meeting in February. However, the Council would like to bring back the sign code for discussion. And, the joint meeting portion of this Council Work Session will be limited to ninety minutes.

VISION STATEMENTS

Planning Manager Hough made a few brief comments about the Vision Statements. Since the Commission's approval of the statements in November, a task force of City staff members had been formed and had suggested a few changes to the statements. Hough noted that, although the suggested changes are mostly format adjustments, the Commission may forward its original Vision Statements to the City Council, or the task force alternative.

Following discussion, Commissioner Temples moved that the Commission approve a couple of minor adjustments to the November Vision Statements and forward them as the Commission's recommendation to the Council. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion Carried.

H. WORK SESSION

ITEM H-1: LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

Senior Planner Lewis made the presentation, stated that Ron Hough had gone over the schedule earlier, and that the next public open house will deal with land use and transportation issues. Lewis then reviewed the memo dealing with transportation issues. A prior memo was presented in December listing land use issues.

Lewis indicated that the Planning staff is working in collaboration with the Public Works Department but has yet to begin a dialog to see what Public Works believes to be the most important issues. He advised the Commission to take this as a work-in-progress.

Lewis asked for guidance from Commission on a discussion with the Public Works department. Planning fully expects that amendments will follow.

Lewis discussed some key transportation issues and some possible impacts of I-695. He pointed out that an East/West Corridor Study is being done by a consultant and the Commission will get a preliminary report at its next meeting.

ITEM H-2: 204TH Street Annexation: Introduction to Plan and Zoning issues.

Planning Manager Hough described this requested annexation, stating that there is no action needed by the Commission at this time. It will not be the Commissioners' job to decide if the area should be annexed but, rather, to determine the most appropriate Comprehensive Plan designations and zones for the areas, to be applied upon annexation.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Planning Commission Annual Report.

Planning Manager Hough stated that the annual report is on the agenda for next Wednesdays' joint meeting with the Council.

Commissioner Hudson pointed out that the City Council's reversal decision on the Woodbury Grove Rezone should be included in the report. Also, the Planning Commission's recommendation and Council's denial of the Juniper Lane Rezone were missing and should be added to the report.

2. Alison Sing Letter.

Chair Hanson presented a letter received from Alison Sing. The letter asked for a joint meeting with the South Snohomish County Public Facilities Board to discuss the feasibility of development within the Lynnwood Triangle area.

It was agreed that the parties will try to set the date for January 27 at 6:30 PM, just prior to the next Planning Commission meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Commissioner Johnson congratulated Chair Hanson on his new appointment, also thanked Commissioner Hudson for a job well done as past Chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Johnson moved for adjournment. Commissioner Hudson seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM.

Steve Hanson, Chair