

City of Lynnwood
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
August 28, 2003

Commissioners present:

Dave Johnson, Chair
Patrick Decker
Elisa Elliott
Tia Peycheff
Jacqueline Powers
Donna Walther
ABSENT: Bigler

Staff present:

Jim Cutts, Community Development Director
Ron Hough, Planning Manager
Dennis Lewis, Senior Planner
Lee Michaelis, Associate Planner

Others present:

Ruth Ross, Council Liaison
Lisa Utter, City Council President

SUMMARY OF THE AUGUST 28, 2003, MEETING MINUTES

PRC Zone Sign Regulations Code Amendment – Public Hearing

Staff reviewed the proposed changes to the Sign Regulations, as they pertain to the Planned Regional Center (PRC) zone. The Commission forwarded to City Council a recommendation to adopt the PRC Sign Regulations Code Amendment as presented by staff.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Decker moved to adopt the August 14, 2003, minutes as written.

Commissioner Peycheff seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

No citizens were present to offer comments.

PUBLIC HEARING

PRC Sign Regulations Code Amendment

Associate Planner Michaelis reviewed the proposed changes to the Sign Regulations, as they pertain to the Planned Regional Center (PRC) Zone. Commission discussion followed the conclusion of Michaelis' presentation.

Chair Johnson opened the public hearing for comments.

Doug Schumaker, 11194 Blue Pond Place, Bainbridge Island, project manager for Callison Architecture for this project. Mr. Schumaker explained that the objectives for signage in shopping centers are two fold: tenant identification and minimization of onsite congestion. Mr. Schumaker is in favor of these code amendments.

Chair Johnson closed the public hearing at 7:33 p.m. Commission deliberation followed.

Commissioner Decker related that Commissioner Bigler, who could not attend this meeting, asked him to state his concern that this code could lead to an encouragement of removal of trees or limbs to make the signs more visible from the street. Chair Johnson suggested that if

Commissioner Bigler's concerns had been presented in a letter, they could be entered as testimony and considered by the Commission.

Commissioner Decker, seconded by Commissioner Powers, moved that the Commission recommend to the City Council PRC Sign Regulations Code Amendment as presented by staff.

The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Johnson referred to a new development at 40th Ave and 184th Street where he has observed raccoons moving from yard to yard. He is concerned the wild animals have been displaced due to this development and that some assessment relating to the displacement of animals should be considered when an area is to be clear-cut.

Chair Johnson acknowledged that Council President Utter was in attendance. Ms. Utter then came forward to explain the proposed October 22 joint dinner meeting between the City Council and the Planning Commission.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT & INFORMATION

Planning Manager Hough reported on the following City Council activities:

September 15

Sign Code Amendment for the PRC zone
Comprehensive Plan Amendments – Work Session

September 22

Secure Community Transition Facilities – Public Hearing
Subdivision Code – Ordinance to adopt changes

September 29

Comp Plan Amendments – Final Council Work Session before Public Hearing

October 13

Comp Plan Amendments – Public Hearing

Hough also suggested that, at the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting, an alternate be selected for the City Center Oversight Committee.

In his report on upcoming Commission meetings, Hough suggested that the meeting of September 11 be cancelled due to a lack of business. Chair Johnson agreed and the meeting of September 11 was canceled.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Powers, seconded by Commissioner Decker, moved to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Dave Johnson, Chair