

City of Lynnwood
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
December 8, 2005

Commissioners present:

Brian Bigler
Elisa Elliott
Tia Peycheff
Donna Walther

Staff present:

James Cutts, Director of Community Dev.
Ron Hough, Planning Manager

Commissioners absent:

Patrick Decker
Marina Georgiev
Dave Johnson

Others Present:

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by 1st Vice-chair Donna Walther, who chaired the meeting in the absence of Patrick Decker. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Because three members of the Commission were absent and some of those in attendance had not attended the last meeting, action on the minutes of the November 10 meeting was postponed until the next meeting.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

City Council member Hikel was unable to attend this meeting, but he provided copies of his report, which were distributed to the staff and commissioners. His report included the Council's actions on this year's Comprehensive Plan amendments. The Council, like the Commission, had difficulty with the Good Shepherd proposal but finally rejected it because it would have allowed intrusion of multi-family zoning into an established single-family neighborhood. The Council expressed a willingness to work with the church next year on a proposal that would protect the neighborhood while also allowing senior housing.

Hikel's report concluded with thanks to the Commission for the experience of being the Council's representative to the Planning Commission and wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

COMMISSION MEMBER DISCLOSURES

None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

WORK SESSIONS

1. Planning Commission Annual Report:

Planning Manager Ron Hough walked the Commission through the draft of its 2005 Annual Report. The "2005 in Summary" section highlighted the most significant projects and tasks during the year and was followed by a table showing all recommendations and the City Council's related actions. The Commission passed two resolutions during the year; 2005-1 in appreciation of the services of retiring Commissioner Jacqueline Powers, and 2005-2 commending Commissioner Dave Johnson for his years of service.

The report also included a meeting-by-meeting summary, the 2006 Work Program, the 2005 Attendance Record and the status of current membership. It was noted that Dave Johnson's term expires at the end of 2005. He has not requested re-appointment. The Commission was asked to review the Annual Report and contact Ron Hough if any additions or corrections are needed prior to approval on January 12.

2. Parkway Annexation:

Planning Manager Hough presented several maps of the annexation area to show existing land uses, Snohomish County's Comprehensive Plan and Zoning, and the City of Lynnwood's Plan and Zoning from the North Gateway Annexation process of several years ago. He also showed photographs of the annexation area's streets, unimproved roads, the Homeward Mobile Home Park, existing businesses and storage warehouses, homes, illegal garbage dumping areas, etc.

Mr. Hough indicated that additional work sessions will be needed as staff collects more information on utilities, costs and other factors. That information will come along as soon as it is generated and available.

BUSINESS

None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT & INFORMATION

Director Cutts and Planning Manager Hough updated the Commission on recent City Council activities, including the Council's action on the 2005 Plan amendments. Director Cutts also brought the Commission up-to-date on City Center planning and mitigation activities and the mid-biennium budget process.

Planning Manager Hough reminded the Commission that there will be no meeting on Dec. 22 because it falls too close to Christmas.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed unanimously. This meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Patrick Decker, Chair