

City of Lynnwood
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
March 9, 2006

Commissioners present:

Patrick Decker
Brian Bigler
Elisa Elliott
Tia Peycheff
Donna Walther

Staff present:

James Cutts, Director of Community Dev.
Ron Hough, Planning Manager
Dennis Lewis, Senior Planner
Les Rubstello, Transportation Manager
Katie Anderson, Interim Parks Director

Commissioners absent:

Vacant – Position #1
Vacant – Position #3

Others Present:

Ted Hikel, City Council Liaison

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Patrick Decker. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No changes or corrections were offered to the minutes of the November 10, 2005, December 8, 2005, or January 26, 2006 meetings and they were approved as written. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2006 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

City Council member Hikel informed the Commission of the new procedure to prioritize business items that are going to the City Council. All items will be given a high or low priority and scheduled accordingly. Low priority items may be assigned to Council work groups for study and a recommendation. The Mayor will advise the various departments of the project priorities. Among this year's priorities will be the school district properties, a review of the City's procedures for lot size averaging and mobile home park zoning.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

COMMISSION MEMBER DISCLOSURES

None

PUBLIC HEARING

1. 2006 Comprehensive Plan Amendments:

Planning Manager Ron Hough described the purpose of this hearing and introduced Interim Parks Director Katie Anderson, Transportation Manager Les Rubstello and Senior Planner Dennis Lewis. Staff will provide additional information and be available to answer questions. Mr. Hough briefly described the four formal applications that were received.

They will all be processed. Tonight's hearing is on the six suggested amendments and the staff members proceeded to describe each of those proposals.

Mr. Rubstello talked about the Public Works project of creating a new Transportation Comprehensive Plan that will feed into the Transportation Element of the City's Comprehensive Plan. The adoption this year of a 20-year project list will help ensure that new developments are coordinated with the long-range projects of the City.

Katie Anderson talked about the annual update of the Parks & Recreation Element and passed out copies of the Level of Service (LOS) table. She informed the Commission that the City's standard LOS is 10 acre per 1,000 population, which includes 5 acres of core parks and 5 acres of open space. Chair Decker asked about the impacts of continued development in the unincorporated areas of the County on the City's parks. Ms. Anderson indicated that many park uses, including about 50% of recreation center users, are non-residents. However, we are planning for growth by buying park sites outside the City that will become local parks in the future as the City grows and annexes those areas.

Other park-related questions pertained to the possibility of an off-leash dog park and some questions about the LOS table, which will be answered by separate memo.

Chair Decker opened the hearing to public comments.

Frank Cheeney, 17408 – 44th Ave. W, Space #40, representing the Senior Citizens Action Committee, asked that his application pertaining to a new mobile home park zone be included on the Proposed Amendments List (PAL) and mentioned that the application is supported by the signatures of many mobile home owners.

The hearing was closed and Chair Decker asked for discussion.

WORK SESSIONS

None

BUSINESS

1. 2006 Comprehensive Plan Amendments – Recommendations:

Commissioner Peycheff moved to recommend all six suggested amendments to the City Council for processing. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT & INFORMATION

Community Development Director Cutts explained the Council's appeal of the City Center Zoning ordinance and the need to add another grid street and adjust a park site. Following further review of the zoning issues, a new ordinance will be presented to the Planning Commission for a public hearing and recommendation to the Council.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Bigler, seconded by Commissioner Walther and passed unanimously. This meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Patrick Decker, Chair