

City of Lynnwood
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
July 13, 2006

Commissioners present:

Maria Ambalada
Brian Bigler
Jeff Davies
Patrick Decker
Elisa Elliott
Michael Wojack

Staff present:

Dennis Lewis, Senior Planner
Shay Davidson, Admin. Assistant

Others Present:

Ted Hikel, Councilmember

Commissioners absent:

Tia Peycheff

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No changes or corrections were offered for the minutes of the June 22nd, 2006 Planning Commission meeting. The minutes were approved as written.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Councilmember Hikel reported that the City Council has been concentrating on the City Center and voted 4 to 3 to approve the Development Regulation Alternative. In addition, the Council voted unanimous approval of the Developer Agreement Ordinance, the Street Grid Protection Ordinance, the Interim Mitigation Program Ordinance, the Interim Mitigation Program Fee Schedule Resolution, the Late Comer Agreement Ordinance and the LID No-Protest Resolution as well as the Underground Wiring Ordinance.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARING

None

WORK SESSION

1. Shoreline Master Program – Receive and Review Appendices:

Senior Planner Dennis Lewis gave a brief summary of the completed background materials for the Shoreline Master Program. The background report consists of three appendices, which include definitions, a presentation map portfolio, and a narrative on the analysis and characterization of the Lynnwood shoreline.

This document has been submitted to the Department of Ecology staff and Mr. Lewis has received comments back that indicate that there will be more work to do. We will go back and do that remedial work after we have done revision work on the draft goals, policies, and regulations. The Shoreline Master Program is the only element of the Comprehensive Plan that requires approval of a state agency before the City can formally adopt the element.

BUSINESS

1. Comprehensive Plan Amendments – Recommendations:

Chair Decker asked if any member of the Planning Commission had any disclosures before the Comprehensive Plan Amendment discussions began. There were none.

Councilmember Hikel recused himself from Comprehensive Plan Amendments 1, 2, and 3.

Staff has recommended approving seven of the eight Plan Amendments as proposed by the applicants. The eighth amendment, Item 1, the Good Shepard Baptist Church amendment, is recommended for approval with conditions. Commissioner Bigler made a motion to forward **Plan Amendments 5, 6, 7, and 8** on to the City Council for approval as recommended. Commissioner Elliott seconded the motion and these items were approved unanimously.

Item #1 – Good Shepard Baptist Church – Commissioner Bigler made a motion to forward this Comprehensive Plan Amendment to the City Council with a recommendation for approval as recommended by staff, including the conditions and concomitant zoning agreement. Commissioner Ambalada seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Item #2 – Edmonds School District Bus Barn Site – Chair Decker moved to recommend the proposed Plan Amendment to the City Council for approval as proposed. Commissioner Bigler seconded the motion. Commissioner Bigler made an amending motion to include **Item #3 Edmonds School District Service Center Site** in the original motion. Commissioner Elliott seconded the amending motion and it was approved unanimously.

Chair Decker opened the discussion on the motion covering Plan Amendments 2 and 3. Commissioner Elliott asked Commissioner Bigler about the health effects of the diesel exhaust from the buses. This concern was brought up in citizen testimony at the public hearing when Commissioner Bigler was not present. Commissioner Bigler said he had read over the material and that the exhaust issues would not create a problem. Commissioner Ambalada thought the Commission should take more time to study the exhaust problem.

Chair Decker made a motion to approve Plan Amendments 2 and 3. The motion was seconded and approved with five votes yes and one vote no (Ambalada).

Item #4 – Mobile Home Park Zone Amendment – Commissioner Bigler made a motion to adopt and forward the Mobile Home Park Plan Amendment to the City Council to be approved as recommended. Commissioner Elliott seconded the motion. Commissioner Bigler asked that a roll call vote be taken regarding this amendment. The roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Bigler brought up a concern about materials being submitted to the Commission on the same day the Commission was expected to make a decision. Commissioner Bigler stated that he can't give adequate consideration when documents are given the same day as an "action" on an item.

Commissioner Bigler made a motion that the Planning Commission adopt a new policy that written communications cannot be accepted during the same meeting when considering an action. Commissioner Ambalada seconded this motion and discussion followed.

The commissioners generally agreed that they enforce a policy that they have the right to not consider any documents they receive one day prior to a Planning Commission meeting. No action was taken on the motion. Instead, staff was asked to consult with the City's attorney, review City Council rules on the matter, and bring suggestions back for possible amendments to Commission Rules at a future meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT & INFORMATION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Elliott moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Patrick Decker, Chair