

City of Lynnwood
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
December 14, 2006

Commissioners present:

Maria Ambalada (late arrival)
Brian Bigler
Patrick Decker
Jeff Davies
Michael Wojack

Staff present:

Ron Hough, Planning Manager
Dennis Lewis, Senior Planner

Commissioners absent:

Elisa Elliott
Tia Peycheff

Others Present:

Richard Wright, 2007 Planning Commissioner

CALL TO ORDER

This final Planning Commission meeting of 2006 was called to order by Chair Decker at 7:02 PM in the Council Chambers of Lynnwood City Hall. Commissioners Decker, Bigler, Davies and Wojack were in attendance. Commissioner Ambalada arrived later in the meeting. A quorum was present.

Planning Manager Ron Hough noted two changes in the agenda. Work Session #1 on Parking Code Revisions will not be held. A number of suggested changes were made at the November work session and staff needs more time to make the revisions. It should be back for more discussion in January. Also, the Mobile Home Park Zone, scheduled as Work Session #3, will not be held. Staff wants to meet with the Mayor to discuss the general intent and direction of this new zone before it goes to a formal work session. Now that the City's budget has been adopted, that meeting should take place soon and the new zone will be scheduled for a January work session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Bigler moved to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2006 Planning Commission meeting. Commissioner Wojack seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Council member Hikel was not in attendance. No report was given.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

One citizen was in the audience. He was introduced as Richard Wright, a newly appointed Planning Commission member who will replace Commissioner Bigler in January.

PUBLIC HEARING

None scheduled.

WORK SESSION

1. 2006 Annual Report:

Planning Manager Ron Hough informed the Commission that an annual report of the year's activities is provided at the December meeting of each year for the Commission's review. This report is a summary of the commission's activities throughout the year and includes its recommendations, follow-up action by the City Council, and the attendance record. The report is intended primarily for the City Council but is also of interest to other City commissions and is made available to the public. This is the time for comments, correction of errors and omissions or other changes. Staff will make those changes and bring the document back at the first meeting of 2007 for approval.

A brief discussion followed but no changes or corrections were offered by any of the members. Rather than delay action until next year, Commission Bigler moved to adopt the 2006 Annual Report of the Lynnwood Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Davies and passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

1. Shoreline Master Program:

Senior Planner Dennis Lewis summarized the most recent changes and additions to the SMP document, including a new Environmental Designations map on page C4b. He noted that major work has been done to Appendix D (Cumulative Impacts Analysis) and Appendix E (Restoration Plan). The Planning Commission has been following the work on this project for the past couple years and is familiar with most of it. If the Commission is comfortable with the product, Mr. Lewis would like them to recommend it for approval, with the understanding that any significant changes that might be required by the Dept. of Ecology would return to the Commission for review.

Commissioner Bigler took the opportunity to voice his personal opinion, based on his knowledge and experience as a biologist and state employee. He felt that the staff time, effort and costs incurred by the City over several years to complete this project for a mere 700 ft. of shoreline was a colossal waste of taxpayer money.

Following the discussion, Chair Decker moved to approve the Shoreline Master Program as presented and forward it to the Department of Ecology with a recommendation for approval. Commissioner Bigler seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION

Chair Decker reminded the Commission that this is Commissioner Bigler's final meeting. His term expires at the end of 2006 and he has decided to step down. Decker read Resolution No. 2006-2, A Resolution in Appreciation of the Voluntary Services of Brian Bigler to the Lynnwood Planning Commission. Commissioner Wojack moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Davies and passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT & INFORMATION

Planning Manager Hough briefed the Commission on upcoming meeting agendas, and encouraged them to think about who they want to elect at the next meeting to serve in the three officer positions. Chair Decker added that the Commission has also tried a voluntary position of Liaison to the City Council. Mr. Hough also noted that the 2007

Comprehensive Plan amendment process will begin on March 1, so the Commission will hold a public meeting in January to discuss that process and answer any questions from the public.

Note: Commissioner Ambalada arrived at 7:36 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Bigler to adjourn. It was seconded by Commissioner Davies and passed unanimously. This meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Patrick Decker, Chair