

City of Burien

BURIEN PLANNING COMMISSION
March 9, 2016
7:00 p.m.
Multipurpose Room/Council Chambers
MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Curtis Olsen called the January 27, 2016, meeting of the Burien Planning Commission to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jim Clingan, Butch Henderson, Joel Millar, Curtis Olsen, Amy Rosenfield, Brooks Stanfield and Douglas Weber

Absent: None.

Administrative staff present: David Johanson, senior planner; Chip Davis, Community Development Department director

AGENDA CONFIRMATION

Direction/Action

Motion was made by Vice Chair Rosenfield, seconded by Commissioner Millar to approve the agenda for the March 9, 2016, meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Direction/Action

Motion was made by Vice Chair Rosenfield, seconded by Commissioner Millar, and passed 7-0 to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2016, meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Meeting: 2016 Comprehensive Plan Docket

B. Presentation and Discussion – 2016 Comprehensive Plan Docket and Work Program

David Johanson, senior planner, gave a brief presentation recapping the 2016 Comprehensive Plan docket process. He noted there was public notice given of the annual amendment request deadline of March 1st. The next step is the public meeting tonight to allow the public to comment on the proposed

docket items, followed by a recommendation from the Planning Commission to the City Council on those items. By May 1st, the City Council will adopt by resolution a final docket of Comprehensive Plan amendments for consideration, thus setting the work program.

Mr. Johanson noted that this year the Comprehensive Plan amendment and rezone processes have been separated into two steps to avoid confusion previously experienced by the Commission and the City Council.

He said the City received one proposed map amendment from an individual asking to change the parcel at 825 S. 122th St. from the Moderate Density Residential Neighborhood designation to Neighborhood Commercial, which is a light-intensity commercial district. The commissioners will need to decide if the request meets the docketing criteria and therefore should be included on the docket.

Gerald Robison, 648 S. 152nd St. #7, representing the owner of the parcel at 825 S. 122nd St., spoke in support of the proposed amendment.

Direction/Action

Commissioner Stanfield moved to recommend the City Council adopt Resolution No. 370 establishing the 2016 Comprehensive Plan amendment docket. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

PLANNING COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Stanfield reported that he participated in a couple of forums facilitated by the Highline School District in response to some of the violence that the students have been experiencing in and around The Heights apartments on Ambaum. He said he learned a lot about the apartment community from the experience, primarily that there is nothing there for youth and children to do after school. The residents do not have access to parks, gyms and other after school activities, so there is a lot of “hanging around” especially by teens and young adults. The parents say they are not feeling safe about sending their kids to Chelsea Park because of the bad element hanging out there. He said he realized the Burien community has some work to do to engage this part of the population.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Chip Davis, Community Development director, reported that the interviews and selection process to fill the Planning Commission seats expiring this year are scheduled for the March 21st City Council meeting, with the new members taking their seats in April.

He also reported that there will be a detailed presentation to the City Council on the branding and the mobility study at the council’s March 28th study session. Both are part of the economic development priorities adopted by the council for 2016.

Mr. Davis reported that more than 100 people participated over the two days of the Storefront Studio event in February related to the downtown mobility study. Concepts that came out of that event are being presented to the commissioners this evening and their comments will be added to the feedback that the consultants collected from the downtown community over the two days.

Mr. Davis asked the commissioners, when they consider parking and mobility in downtown Burien, to think about ways in which the transportation network accommodates what people in Burien want to do – how well does it support local businesses and how well does it serve visitors and residents. He said the consultant was looking at the question from at least four different perspectives: network – the system of streets, alleys, bikeways and public transportation that constitutes the transportation system in downtown; parking – the lots, on-street and private parking areas that accommodate cars and allow visitors and residents to retain access to private, individual automobiles; pedestrians and bicyclists – the people using something other than a car to get around, arriving in downtown Burien and moving through its spaces; and

natural and social systems – the role that the public realm plays in managing stormwater, creating character, and providing public spaces for individuals, families and friends.

STUDY SESSION

The commission recessed into study session at approximately 7:50 p.m. to do the same exercise using maps and sticky dots that participants at the Storefront Studio event did in February.

ADJOURNMENT

The commissioners returned to regular session at approximately 8:49 p.m.

Direction/Action

Commissioner Henderson moved for adjournment; Commissioner Stanfield seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

APPROVED: April 27, 2016

/s/ Amy Rosenfield, vice chair

for Curtis Olsen, chair
Planning Commission