

*City of Burien*

BURIEN PLANNING COMMISSION  
September 14, 2016  
7:00 p.m.  
Multipurpose Room/Council Chambers  
MINUTES

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Curtis Olsen called the September 14, 2016, meeting of the Burien Planning Commission to order at 7:02 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Butch Henderson, Anna Markee, Kaelene Nobis, Curtis Olsen, Amy Rosenfield, and Douglas Weber

Absent: Kim Davis, excused

Administrative staff present: David Johanson, senior planner; Maiya Andrews, Public Works Department director

**AGENDA CONFIRMATION**

**Direction/Action**

**Motion** was made by Commissioner Henderson and seconded by Commissioner Nobis to confirm the agenda. Motion passed 6-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Direction/Action**

**Motion** was made by Commissioner Henderson, seconded by Commissioner Nobis, and passed 6-0 to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2016, meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

A. Low Impact Development (LID) Zoning Code Amendments

Chair Olsen opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

David Johanson, senior planner, explained the hearing process and introduced consultant Trista Kobluskie of Otak, and Maiya Andrews, Burien Public Works Department director. Ms. Kobluskie gave the commission a brief overview of the proposed low-impact development (LID) Zoning Code amendments under consideration. She reminded the commissioners that, as she explained at their previous meeting, the amendments are required by law to maintain Burien's National Pollutant

Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) Western Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit to discharge stormwater.

There being no testimony, Chair Olsen closed the hearing at 7:09 p.m.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Low Impact Development (LID) Zoning Code Amendments – Discussion and Recommendation**

Commissioner Rosenfield asked why permeable pavers are included in the definition of impervious surface coverage, and Chair Olsen asked about green roofs in the definition as well. Ms. Kobluskie replied that that definition is aimed at reducing developed areas on lots and leaving some areas landscaped or untouched. The definition would be used in determining percentage of lot coverage, Mr. Johanson added. The commissioners asked that the definition language in 19.10.285 be clarified to read “The percentage of the area of a lot that is covered by an impervious or semi-impervious surface, including a building with a green roof, or permeable pavement.”

Regarding some of the other proposed amendments, Ms. Kobluskie noted that some of the work in removing barriers to low impact development is as simple as making it obvious where you can use it.

Commissioner Markee asked if the City’s new environmental education and outreach specialist could make a presentation about what resources and suggestions the City has to help residents with storm water at a future commission meeting. Ms. Andrews replied that she can arrange that and talked a little about the work the outreach specialist has begun and hopes to do in the future.

Commissioner Nobis moved that the Planning Commission recommend to the City Council approval of the proposed Zoning Code amendments for low-impact development as set forth, with the amendment proscribed at this meeting, in the September 7, 2016, staff memo and associated attachments. Vice Chair Rosenfield seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

## **PLANNING COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS**

Chair Olsen said he’s been talking with people in the Boulevard Park area trying to assess the level of interest for having a Pea Patch there. He said he has received some very positive feedback from residents. He asked if the City has land available there for garden plots. Mr. Johanson noted that the City has adopted provisions for community gardens. He also suggested that the neighborhood look into the Neighborhood Grant program as a way to help get a garden started.

## **DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Mr. Johanson announced that there is a free workshop at the Community Center on Saturday, September 17, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., teaching waterfront property owners how to restore their shoreline with native vegetation. The workshop is sponsored by the King Conservation District.

He also reminded the commissioners that their September 28<sup>th</sup> meeting is the Short Course on Local Planning, beginning at 6:15 p.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Direction/Action**

Commissioner Henderson acknowledged the recent groundbreaking for the cold storage warehouse in the NERA and recognized the work previous Planning Commission members did to make that possible, adding

that he hoped this commission will have the opportunity to do something that will have a similar legacy effect.

Commissioner Henderson moved for adjournment; Vice Chair Rosenfield seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

**APPROVED:** October 12, 2016

/s/ Curtis Olsen, chair  
Planning Commission