

*City of Burien*

BURIEN PLANNING COMMISSION  
August 10, 2016  
7:00 p.m.  
Multipurpose Room/Council Chambers  
MINUTES

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Curtis Olsen called the August 10, 2016, meeting of the Burien Planning Commission to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Butch Henderson, Anna Markee, Curtis Olsen, and Amy Rosenfield

Absent: Kim Davis, Kaelene Nobis, and Douglas Weber, excused

Administrative staff present: David Johanson, senior planner; Brandi Eyerly, planner

**AGENDA CONFIRMATION**

**Direction/Action**

**Motion** was made by Commissioner Henderson and seconded by Commissioner Rosenfield to confirm the agenda. Motion passed 4-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Direction/Action**

**Motion** was made by Commissioner Henderson, seconded by Commissioner Rosenfield, and passed 4-0 to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2016, meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Chestine Edgar, 1811 SW 152<sup>nd</sup> St.,** commented on the draft significant tree retention Zoning Code amendments. She presented a list of concerns she has about the draft amendments.

**OLD BUSINESS**

A. Significant Tree Retention Zoning Code Amendments – Discussion and Recommendation

Brandi Eyerly, planner, reviewed the changes and clarifications made to the proposed code as requested by the commissioners at the last meeting.

Commissioner Rosenfield asked why trees on the prohibited list could still fall under the “significant” designation. Other commissioners responded that while the trees on the prohibited list are not suitable for urban settings for one reason or another existing healthy specimens of the trees are a part of the tree canopy and do their part in surface water management, and if one must be removed it should be replaced with a more suitable species of tree.

The commissioners discussed whether there needs to be language in the code specifically addressing the prohibition of trespassing on private property where a designated heritage tree is located. Rather than include it in the code, it was agreed to put that information on a map or website identifying the heritage trees.

The commissioners agreed to change the second sentence in proposed definition 19.10.267 Heritage tree, in Attachment 1, to read "...written consent of the property owner is required before the nomination may be considered."

Vice Chair Amy Rosenfield moved that the Planning Commission recommend to the City Council approval of amendments with the change identified to BMC 19.10 Definitions, 19.25 Tree Retention and Landscaping, and 19.85 Protection and Preservation of Landmarks as set forth in the July 27, 2016, staff memo and associated attachments. Commissioners Henderson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

#### **PLANNING COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

##### **Direction/Action**

Commissioner Henderson moved for adjournment; Commissioner Markee seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

**APPROVED:** August 24, 2016

/s/ Butch Henderson  
Chair pro-tem  
Planning Commission