

City of Burien

BURIEN PLANNING COMMISSION
October 26, 2016
7:00 p.m.
Multipurpose Room/Council Chambers
MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Curtis Olsen called the October 26, 2016, meeting of the Burien Planning Commission to order at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Kim Davis and Kaelene Nobis

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

AGENDA CONFIRMATION

Direction/Action

Motion was made by Commissioner Henderson and seconded by Commissioner Weber to confirm the agenda. **Motion carried 5-0.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Direction/Action

Motion was made by Commissioner Henderson and seconded by Commissioner Markee to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2016, meeting. **Motion carried 5-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. So Yong Morton Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment Request, PLA 16-0451

Chair Olsen opened the public hearing at 7:06 pm. David Johanson, senior planner, briefly described the request under consideration, which is a change in the Comprehensive Plan designation from Moderate Density Residential Neighborhood to Neighborhood Center for one parcel. He noted that no written comments on the request were received following the notice to the public. Mr. Johanson said staff recommends approval of this request because it meets all of the review criteria.

Trung Nguyen, owner of 833 S. 112th St., stated that he is opposed to the proposed change because during the time he lived there, 1998-2007, he experienced problems ranging from crime that he associated with people hanging out at the gas station, noise from the nearby commercial development

adjacent to the gas station, and speeding cars in the area. He said he believes changing the parcel to commercial will make it even more dangerous to access his property from South 112th Street. Mr. Nguyen said the change would result in a loss of privacy for his property. He noted that all the trees that were required as a landscape buffer between the commercial and residential properties were cut down and he is concerned that the same thing will happen if the proposed designation is allowed and another business is opened. Mr. Nguyen said he is concerned about an increase in crime, traffic and noise associated with any new business going in and stated that it would adversely affect his property.

Gerald Robison, 648 S. 152nd St., Suite 7, said he is the attorney who assisted the applicants with their application and stated he is an advocate for their request. He said the trees referred to by Mr. Nguyen were planted 20 years ago when the gas station was built and were cut down four years ago because they had outgrown their location. He noted that they have been replaced by trees approved by the City of Burien. He said if the parcel in question is developed for a commercial use there would be landscape buffers on the east and south sides. He said the owner hasn't any firm plans about the parcel in question, but he anticipated a small retail development similar to that on the adjacent commercial property.

Randy Breske, 11226 8th Ave S., said his property adjoins the south side of the parcel. He said he has little to say about the commercial area although it would be nice if the existing businesses cleaned up the garbage daily and cleaned the garbage dumpster in the summer when the odors are intense.

There being no further testimony, Chair Olsen closed the hearing at 7:27 p.m.

B. Comprehensive Plan Text and Figure Amendments

Chair Olsen opened the hearing at 7:28 p.m. Mr. Johanson summarized the proposed amendments: an update of Figure TR 2.5, Primary Truck Routes, and the addition of policy supporting the collection of school impact fees on behalf of Highline School District.

There being no testimony, Chair Olsen closed the hearing at 7:32 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment – Discussion and Recommendation

Chair Olsen said he appreciated the testimony presented to the commission regarding the requested Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment. He said he also lives in Boulevard Park and travels on South 112th Street daily and is aware of the crime and other issues in the area. He said he does not see a connection between potentially more commercial development and an increase in problems.

Responding to a question from Vice Chair Rosenfield, Mr. Johanson reviewed the uses that may be allowed on the property if the designation is changed and the property is rezoned. Vice Chair Rosenfield said the language limiting expansion of commercial nodes to a radius of 1/8 mile from an intersection assures her that there cannot be an endless cycle of people trying to re-designate their property from residential to commercial, and so she said she is in favor of recommending approval of the request before the commission.

Commissioner Markee stated that she agreed that the commission should recommend approval of the request.

Commissioner Henderson asked about the difference between the proposed designation of Neighborhood Center and other commercial designations. Mr. Johanson said Neighborhood Center is

the least intensive commercial designation; another zone, Regional Commercial, allows the widest range of retail uses, including auto dealers. Other commercial zones allow mixed use at higher densities, he added.

Commissioner Weber said he thought the proposed change in designation makes sense, adding that he is concerned about how long it takes plants to mature enough in the transition area to actually serve as a buffer between commercial and residential uses.

Vice Chair Rosenfield moved that the Planning Commission recommend to the City Council approval of the Morton Comprehensive Plan map amendment request changing the land use designation from Moderate Density Residential Neighborhood to Neighborhood Center and adopt the findings and conclusions as presented in the staff report. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Mr. Johanson announced that the map amendment request will go before the City Council for discussion at its Nov. 21st meeting, 7 p.m., in the City Council Chamber/Multipurpose Room.

B. Comprehensive Plan Text Amendments – Discussion and Recommendation

Commissioner Weber asked if the proposed text would accommodate the multi-city agreement proposed by the City Council to collect an impact fee on behalf of the Highline School District. Chip Davis, Community Development Department director, replied that state law requires that when levying any kind of impact fee there be a direct connection between the jurisdiction that is levying the fee and the capital improvement program that the fee is based on. He said the proposed policy provides the necessary backing in the event that the City decides to adopt a school impact fee.

Mr. Davis explained that Burien must co-adopt, with the district, the Highline School District's Capital Facilities Plan; if that isn't done, the money collected by an impact fee bears no relationship to the school construction that is required as a result of growth. He noted that even if the City Council declines to implement the school impact fee at this time, it is important that the Comprehensive Plan contain the policy basis for levying it sometime in the future.

Vice Chair Rosenfield moved that the Planning Commission recommend to the City Council approval of the Comprehensive Plan text and figure amendments as set forth in the staff memo and attachments dated October 3, 2016. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PLANNING COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Davis said the commissioners will begin work on some minor Zoning Code amendments at their next meeting, including downtown parking regulations, some telecommunications amendments and some accessory dwelling unit amendments.

He also announced that Tony Piasecki has been hired by the City Council to serve as interim city manager. Mr. Piasecki recently retired from the City of Des Moines where he was the city manager. He will serve as interim city manager until the City Council hires a new city manager.

ADJOURNMENT

Direction/Action

Commissioner Henderson moved for adjournment; Commissioner Markee seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

APPROVED: November 9, 2016

/s/ Butch Henderson, chair pro tem
Planning Commission