

*City of Burien*

BURIEN PLANNING COMMISSION  
September 25, 2013  
7:00 p.m.  
Multipurpose Room/Council Chambers  
MINUTES

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Jim Clingan called the September 25, 2013, meeting of the Burien Planning Commission to order at 7 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Jim Clingan, Greg Duff, Ray Helms, Butch Henderson, Joey Martinez and Nancy Tosta

Absent: Brooks Stanfield

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

**AGENDA CONFIRMATION**

**Direction/Action**

**Motion** was made by Commissioner Tosta, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the agenda for the September 25, 2013, meeting. Motion passed 6-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Direction/Action**

**Motion** was made by Commissioner Tosta, seconded by Commissioner Henderson, and passed 6-0 to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2013, meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Chair Clingan opened the hearing on the interim zoning regulations related to recreational marijuana businesses in Burien at 7:03 p.m. and read the rules of conduct for the hearing. Chip Davis, Community Development director, gave a brief introduction about the hearing topic. Testimony was then given by the following people:

**Phil Smith**, 12241 Roseburg Ave S, said he believes the interim regulations are too restrictive in where marijuana businesses may be located. He said the commission needs to ask itself if it wants recreational marijuana businesses in Burien, because the rules make it hard for a business to locate here and be viable.

Written testimony was received from **Earl Long**, 13772 16<sup>th</sup> Ave SW, who stated he is opposed to any recreational marijuana business within Burien city limits. He urged strict enforcement of the law prohibiting public consumption of marijuana.

Chair Clingan closed the hearing at 7:20 p.m.

The commissioners discussed the details of how a legal recreational marijuana business can be established. Mr. Davis noted that of the 443 licenses that the state will be issuing statewide, based on population only one has been designated for location within the city of Burien.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Schedule for 2013 Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Amendments**

David Johanson, senior planner, introduced the tentative schedule for the remainder of 2013 and early 2014. He said the commission probably will look at only the one property-specific rezone request this year, from Navos, along with working on permanent zoning regulations for recreational marijuana uses.

## **PLANNING COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Helms asked for an update on the City Council's action the previous Monday on the multi-family recreational space requirements in the Downtown Commercial zone. Mr. Johanson responded that the Council adopted amendments that look at the type of unit being provided and require a certain amount of square footage of common recreational space for each type of unit. Also, Juliet balconies are required to be a minimum width of 12 inches and a minimum length of six feet, and private decks are required to be a minimum size of 48 sq. ft. for projects that are achieving density of less than 50 units per acre as defined in a formula in the code. For projects achieving density of more than 50 units per acre as defined by the formula, the size of the private decks may be reduced to 24 sq. ft.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Davis noted that the commissioners should have received a link to a survey recently via e-mail from PlannersWeb.com and encouraged them to complete the survey.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Direction/Action**

Commissioner Duff moved for adjournment; Commissioner Henderson seconded. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

**APPROVED:** October 9, 2013

/s/ Jim Clingan, chair  
Planning Commission