

*City of Burien*

BURIEN PLANNING COMMISSION  
March 12, 2014  
7:00 p.m.  
Multipurpose Room/Council Chambers  
MINUTES

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Jim Clingan called the March 12, 2014, meeting of the Burien Planning Commission to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Brooks Stanfield, and one position vacant

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

**AGENDA CONFIRMATION**

**Direction/Action**

**Motion** was made by Vice Chair Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Henderson, to approve the agenda for the March 12, 2014, meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Direction/Action**

**Motion** was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Henderson, and passed 5-0 to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2014, meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**a) 2014 Comprehensive Plan Docket: Public Meeting**

David Johanson gave a brief presentation about the Comprehensive Plan docket. He said that, by state law, the Comprehensive Plan must be reviewed and updated periodically to make it consistent with updates to the Growth Management Act, the Countywide Planning Policies and Vision 2040. The update includes the City's development regulations. The deadline for the current update cycle is June 2015, so the plan is to

complete the Comprehensive Plan amendments by the end of 2014, leaving the early months of 2015 for updating the development regulations. He said that one of the key concepts in Vision 2040 is the housing/jobs balance – locating housing near jobs to reduce commuting. He noted that the “core cities,” including Burien, will accommodate approximately 22 percent of the region’s (King, Pierce, Snohomish and Kitsap counties) population growth.

Mr. Johanson explained that as part of the Comprehensive Plan amendment docket process, the City published on Dec. 30, 2013, a public notice announcing the date Comprehensive Plan amendment applications were due and the date the commission would receive public comment on the proposed docket. The notice was posted again on the website on Feb. 12 and distributed to the Comprehensive Plan Updates “Notify Me” e-mail subscription list.

He said the City received one completed application for a Comprehensive Plan amendment and site-specific rezone, for which a staff analysis was prepared reviewing the request in relation to the amendment criteria. The City also received correspondence requesting an amendment; however, since it was not an application and no application fee was paid, no staff analysis was prepared. Mr. Johanson said this is consistent with how the same request was processed in 2010. He noted that the Commission could add that request to the proposed docket if it desired to do so. He then reviewed the other items on the proposed docket, including removal of the PAA language as directed by the City Council.

Chair Clingan then opened the public comment period.

**Chestine Edgar, 1811 SW 152<sup>nd</sup> St.,** said that the current land use designation of moderate density residential of the lands surrounding Lake Burien is an error that needs correction. She also said Burien doesn’t need the number of potential housing units that could be added around the lake to meet its Growth Management housing targets. She asked that her Comprehensive Plan amendment request to change the land use designation around the lake to low density be included on the 2014 docket as a high priority.

**Linda Plein, 1600 SW 156<sup>th</sup> St.,** said that Lake Burien’s water quality has been harmed by the Comprehensive Plan designation of moderate density residential of the lands surrounding the lake. She asked that the commissioners put the requested Comprehensive Plan amendment to change the land use designation around the lake to low density on the 2014 docket.

#### **b) 2014 Comprehensive Plan Docket Recommendation**

Vice Chair Martinez moved to recommend the City Council adopt Resolution No. 353 establishing the 2014 Comprehensive Plan amendment docket. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion.

Commissioner Helms asked if the Miller Creek request is a formal application with the application fee paid. Mr. Johanson responded that it is.

Vice Chair Martinez indicated he wished to amend his motion. Commissioner Henderson withdrew his second of the motion. Vice Chair Martinez moved to modify the Comprehensive Plan amendment docket as presented in Resolution No. 353 by removing item 29. There was no second.

Commissioner Henderson then seconded the original motion. Motion carried 5-0.

## **PLANNING COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

## **DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Mr. Johanson said there are several opportunities in April and May for commissioners to attend the state’s “Short Course on Local Planning.” He said staff recommends commissioners attend the short course at some point during their term on the commission because it gives a good background on the legal basis for

the Growth Management Act and local planning efforts. It will be offered on April 10<sup>th</sup> at the Lynnwood Conference Center from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., and May 7<sup>th</sup> it will be offered at Medina from 6 to 9 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Direction/Action**

Commissioner Martinez moved for adjournment; seconded by Commissioner Henderson. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

**APPROVED:** March 26, 2014

/s/ Jim Clingan, chair  
Planning Commission