

City of Burien

BURIEN PLANNING COMMISSION
May 28, 2014
7:00 p.m.
Multipurpose Room/Council Chambers
MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jim Clingan called the May 28, 2014, meeting of the Burien Planning Commission to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jim Clingan, Joey Martinez, Curtis Olsen, Amy Rosenfield, Douglas Weber

Absent: Butch Henderson, Brooks Stanfield

Administrative staff present: David Johanson, senior planner; Stephanie Jewett, planner

AGENDA CONFIRMATION

Direction/Action

Motion was made by Vice Chair Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Rosenfield, to approve the agenda for the May 28, 2014, meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Direction/Action

Motion was made by Vice Chair Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Rosenfield, and passed 5-0 to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2014, meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

2014 Comprehensive Plan – Continuing discussion regarding Utilities Element updates

David Johanson noted that since the previous commission meeting he has received a copy of the Southwest Suburban Sewer District's draft Comprehensive Plan and had updated his May 14th Power Point presentation accordingly. He said Southwest Suburban Sewer District not only provides service within its district, it also has contracts with Valley View Sewer District and Seattle Public Utilities to treat sewage collected from the Valley View service area, Seola Beach and White Center. He reviewed some of the improvements to the Southwest Suburban Sewer District's pipes and treatment plants discussed in the draft plan.

Mr. Johanson then reviewed questions the commissioners had asked at the previous meeting. The first, whether there is some sort of financial aid available to low income or senior customers when an emergency

temporary hookup to the sewer system is required. He said the Southwest Suburban Sewer District manager told him it's always on a case by case basis, but generally speaking payment plans are available in that type of situation.

In answer to a question from the previous meeting relating to stormwater and the use of infiltration swales next to streets, Mr. Johanson read three existing policies in the Comprehensive Plan that related to that topic: Transportation policy TR 8.2.1 and Stormwater policies ST 1.13 and ST 1.14.

The final question from the previous meeting was regarding high-speed connectivity. Mr. Johanson said he could not give a definitive answer because the City has so many providers: Clear, Comcast, Centurylink, Dish Network or Direct TV. He said he believes it is safe to say service is available, but we just don't know how many people are paying and are connected.

The commissioners began working on the proposed text edits to the Utilities Element. Mr. Johanson noted that some of the policies are nearly as specific as the actual code requirements. He said if it is codified, it may not be necessary to include it in the Comprehensive Plan, a long-range planning document.

Mr. Johanson noted the complexity of working with five water districts and suggested that, given the amount of regulation and oversight the Washington State Department of Health exercises over the water districts, it may not be appropriate to have Comprehensive Plan policy regarding standby water storage requirements.

Commissioner Weber suggested that Policy UT 3.2 be modified to say something similar to "...require sewer connections where sewer is available..." in order to not preclude someone with a very large lot from splitting it if there is no sewer available but there is sufficient land capacity to put septic on each lot.

Mr. Johanson will continue to work on proposed text changes and provide those at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PLANNING COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Direction/Action

Commissioner Martinez moved for adjournment; Commissioner Rosenfield seconded. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

APPROVED: June 25, 2014

/s/ Jim Clingan, chair
Planning Commission