

CITY OF SEATAC
PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes of October 21, 2014
Regular Meeting

Members Present: Joe Adamack, Roxie Chapin, Tom Danztler, Robert Scully, Jim Todd

Staff present: Joe Scorcio, CED Director; Steve Pilcher, Planning Manager; Mike Scarey, Senior Planner; Kate Kaehny, Senior Planner

1. Call to Order

Chairman Adamack called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Approve minutes of October 7, 2014 Meeting

Moved and seconded to approve the minutes as written. **Passed 4-0.**

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Briefing on Angle Lake Station Area Plan

Senior Planner Kate Kaehny noted that the planning process is in the end stages and that a draft plan will be presented to the Commission in late fall/early winter. Council action is anticipated to occur early next year. Staff will be asking the Council to extend the interim development regulations that apply to properties within the station area, for a period of 6 months.

Ms. Kaehny spoke of the recent “Feet First” walking event that occurred on Saturday, October 11. Feet First is a local non-profit that promotes walking in communities and is examining the walkability of station areas. Approx. 20+ individuals participated, including local residents.

Ms. Kaehny also noted that staff will be reaching out to major commercial property owners within the station area and requesting that they fill out a short questionnaire that addresses some of the options being considered in the draft plan. The Commission discussed the proposed questionnaire.

Staff hopes to complete this effort by the end of the month.

5. Briefing on Major Comprehensive Plan Update – Capital Facilities

Senior Planner Mike Scarey noted some of the basics of capital facilities planning. The City established a Level of Service (LOS) for facilities and, as growth occurs, either must allocate funds to maintain those standards or lower the standard. According to the analysis prepared for this update, neither situation will be needed, as the City will be able to maintain the adopted LOS while the area grows over the next 6 years.

Mr. Scarey noted that Transportation-related standards will be addressed as part of the Transportation Plan update. The Commission primarily discussed the LOS standards for the various parks facilities that the City maintains.

6. Director's Report

CED Director Joe Scorcio noted that the Mayor had requested a member of the Commission attend next week's Council Study Session should there be any questions regarding the Housing and Human Services Comp Plan element. Chair Adamack stated he could attend.

Mr. Scorcio also noted that staff continues to meet with Sound Transit staff regarding the extension of light rail service to Federal Way. Sound Transit anticipates issuing a Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the project early next year.

There will be a webinar on November 6 at 10:30 a.m. regarding "Breathing New Life into Failed Commercial Corridors." Commission members are invited to join staff at City Hall for this event.

Mr. Scorcio announced there will be another Urban Land Institute Technical Advisory Panel activity in the first week of December, focusing on the S. 154th St. Station Area.

He reminded the Commission that the National American Planning Association Conference will be held in Seattle next year. At this time, the draft budget has funds to pay for commissioners' attendance.

On November 12, Wright Runstad will hold an open house to discuss their plans for the Dantzler property. That will begin at 3:15 in the afternoon at City Hall, prior to a presentation made at the Council study session, which begins at 4:00.

Mr. Scorcio also noted that as part of the budget process, staff is recommending an increase in land use fees, which have not been altered for approx. 15 years. Although the City is facing a few position cuts, the CED Department is retaining its staffing levels.

Mr. Pilcher gave a brief report regarding some of the sessions he attended at the recent State Planning Conference held in Spokane.

7. Commissioner's report

None.

8. Adjournment

Moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

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