

CITY OF SEATAC
PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes of January 20, 2015
Regular Meeting

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

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

1. Call to Order

Chairman Adamack called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

2. Minutes

Moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2014 meeting. **Passed 5-0.**

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Briefing on Major Comprehensive Plan Update

Senior Planner Mike Scarey noted that the Commission is now beginning a second round of review of potential amendments. The packet provided includes both a “clean” and edited version of several chapters of the Plan, plus examples of how those chapters will appear in the new layout that was developed by staff and its consultant, Makers. Mr. Scarey reminded the Commission of the reviews that have occurred and what is anticipated over the next few months. After three separate public engagement events, a public hearing is anticipated to occur in early April.

In terms of the new layout as produced by the consultant, Mr. Scarey noted that the text will be updated to reflect some recent edits and any changes the Commission may suggest. As an example, he reviewed some of the changes to occur in the Land Use Element. He also reviewed how staff is working to simplify the Implementation Strategies portion of the element.

A joint meeting with the City Council has been scheduled for the Commission’s regular March 17th meeting date and time. At that time, the full draft Plan will be introduced to both bodies.

Potential public hearing dates were discussed with the Commission. It was agreed that April 7th would be an appropriate date for a public hearing, with May 5th being reserved for a continued hearing, if necessary.

The Commission discussed a few issues regarding policies concerning townhouse development and also rezone criteria.

5. CED Director's Report

CED Director Joe Scorcio noted that early registration for the National APA Conference will close on February 19th and that Commissioners are asked to advise staff at the next meeting of whether they will attend or not. Staff will send out an email with a link to more information regarding the conference.

6. Commissioner's report

None.

7. Adjournment

Moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

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