

CITY OF SEATAC
PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes of January 6, 2015
Regular Meeting

Members Present: Joe Adamack, Roxie Chapin, Robert Scully

Members Absent: Tom Dantzler (excused); Jim Todd

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

1. Call to Order

Chairman Adamack called the meeting to order at 5:44 p.m.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Briefing on Angle Lake District Station Area Plan

Senior Planner Kate Kaehny reviewed the proposed schedule for completing review of the draft Plan over the next few months, with a public hearing anticipated for March 3, 2015. Copies of the final draft of the first three chapters of the Plan were scheduled for review at this meeting: 1) Introduction; 2) Existing Conditions; and 3) Community Vision. All of these have been previously presented to the Commission in an earlier draft. Ms Kaehny then reviewed the key items in each chapter.

Concerning the profile of the individuals residing in the District, it was suggested to include some information regarding household income in relation to household size. It was also suggested to make sure the Plan notes the nature of the businesses found within the District.

Staff noted that during the public participation process for both this Plan and the Comprehensive Plan, several individuals noted the need for “family” sized rental units.

Regarding the narrative in the document concerning walking, it was suggested to add some comment of the need for walking/pedestrian access to also be functional (i.e., connecting people to places they wish to go).

The Commission indicated it was satisfied with the Vision statement as drafted.

Ms. Kaehny then reviewed the Guiding Principles. It was noted that although the Plan contains a lot of discussion regarding economic opportunities, there isn't a Guiding Principle regarding this topic. It was suggested to add one.

Concern was also expressed about letting the market dictate the type of uses to be located in the area. The Plan should emphasize use of “carrots” instead of “sticks” in order to achieve the type of development the community desires.

4. Minutes

Moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2014 meeting. **Passed 3-0.**

5. CED Director’s Report

CED Director Joe Scorcio noted that registration for the National APA Conference will soon be opening. There are funds in the Department’s budget to allow each Commission member to attend. Staff will need to know by mid-February which members are able to do so.

Mr. Scorcio also noted that the Code Compliance Program has been transferred to the Planning Division and is now under Steve Pilcher’s direction. A second Program Coordinator is being recruited and a part-time administrative position will soon be filled.

On Friday, January 9, the City Council will have a retreat in the Council Chambers, beginning at 10:00 a.m. This event is open to the public.

An Urban Land Institute (ULI) Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) recently assisted the City with re-examining the 154th St. Station Area and in particular, the City-owned SeaTac Center. The Panel’s report to Council is scheduled for February 24th.

The staff will also be coordinating with Smart Growth America on a free technical assistance grant it has received. Details to come.

6. Commissioner’s report

None.

7. Adjournment

Moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

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