

CITY OF SEATAC
PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes of September 1, 2015
Regular Meeting

Members present: Joe Adamack, Roxie Chapin, Tom Dantzler and Robert Scully
Members absent: Jim Todd
Staff present: Joe Scorcio, CED Director; Steve Pilcher, Planning Manager

1. Call to Order

Chair Adamack called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

2. Approval of minutes

Moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2015 meeting as presented.

Passed 3-0.

3. Briefing on potential amendments to Wetland regulations

Planning Manager Steve Pilcher noted that in May of this year, he had received an email from the Washington State Department of Ecology, which pointed out some areas in which the City's wetland regulations are in need of being updated. The City's regulations are found in "Environmentally Sensitive Areas" chapter of the Zoning Code; however, most of the concerns raised by Ecology were with definitions.

Mr. Pilcher reviewed each point in the May 7th email from Ecology and also the materials from the City's Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Code and Ecology's *Guidance for Small Cities* document.

There was consensus to move forward with the needed changes. Staff will draft code amendment language for review at a future meeting.

4. CED Director's Report

CED Director Joe Scorcio advised the Commission of an upcoming event to be held on October 6 & 7 in the Council Chambers. This will be an evening session and following day workshop regarding transit-oriented development. The event will be presented by representatives from Smart Growth America (the City is the recipient of a grant to provide this free service). The 10/6 evening session will be open to the general public, while the following daytime event is targeted more to staff. The 10/6 date is a normal Planning Commission meeting date, so this activity will serve as the Commission's meeting for that date.

The planned Community Leadership Academy, scheduled for September and October, has been postponed until next spring.

Mr. Scorcio reported on the Lora Lake environmental mitigation project approved by the Department of Ecology. He also noted that work is commencing on extending the Lake to Sound Trail along Des Moines Memorial Parkway.

Concerning the Port of Seattle, Mr. Scorcio discussed the Port's issuance of a Determination of Nonsignificance for the expanded International Arrivals Facility, plus the recent Washington State Supreme Court decision regarding the applicability of the \$15/hr minimum wage to businesses located at the airport.

5. Adjournment

Moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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