

**CITY OF SEATAC
PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes of April 21, 2015
Regular Meeting**

Members present: Joe Adamack, Roxie Chapin, Tom Dantzler, Robert Scully, Jim Todd
Members absent: None
Staff present: Joe Scorcio, CED Director; Steve Pilcher, Planning Manager; Mike Scarey, Senior Planner

1. Call to Order

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

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approval of minutes

Moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2015 meeting as written. **Passed 5-0.**

4. Public Hearing on the Comprehensive Plan amendments

Chair Adamack re-opened the public hearing at 5:32 p.m.

CED Director Joe Scorcio reminded the Commission that the public hearing had been closed at their April 7 meeting, with the expressed intent to re-open the hearing this evening. He discussed the staff's proposed process for working through the various comments that have been compiled to date. He also noted that if necessary, the Commission could continue the hearing again until May 5, 2015, in the event there are unresolved issues.

The Commission decided to review each comment and proposed staff response individually, with the intent of achieving consensus on what action to take on each. A vote will then be taken whether to adopt the entire list as suggested by staff or with recommended changes that the Commission may make.

Senior Planner Mike Scarey then reviewed each comment that had been compiled by staff, noting the staff response. The suggested staff responses were accepted, except for:

- Policy 2.5F in the Land Use Element: add a reference to the urban center and station areas;

- Policy 6.1C regarding connection to sanitary sewer: staff was asked to bring back potential policy alternatives to address possible incentives to encourage unsewered areas to connect to sewer;
- Capital Facilities Policy 5.1B: add the words “at least” to the statement regarding maintaining library service; note that service levels for Fire are established in the contract with the service provider;
- Environment Element Implementation Strategy 9.2B, PROS Policy 10.3E and associated implementation strategy: no action to be taken until staff brings back additional information concerning the June 2000 Bow Lake Joint Use Study;
- PROS Implementation Strategy 10.7F: replace the phrase “offer incentives” with “enable incentives”;
- Economic Vitality Element 8.3A: change the terminology to refer to “workers of all ages”;

Staff was also directed to add policies similar to the new Land Use Policy 2.7B regarding Sound Transit, to address the City’s relationship to the Port of Seattle/Airport and Washington State Department of Transportation.

At 7:24 p.m., the Chair opened the hearing to public testimony.

Cathy Boysen-Heiberg stated she appreciates the staff responses to her previous comments, but remains concerned about the references to Bow Lake and the June 2000 study. She cited provisions from the City’s Zoning Code that require the provisions of public access to Bow Lake.

CED Director Scorcio provided some draft policy language for the Commission to consider that might address these concerns. The Commission requested the final language be brought back for its consideration at the next meeting.

At 7:36 p.m., the Chair closed the hearing to public testimony.

After discussion, the Commission agreed to move forward with all of the staff suggestions, except for the revisions as noted above. **Passed 5-0.**

5. CED Director’s Report

Director Joe Scorcio noted that Sound Transit has published the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Federal Way Link Extension. Comments are due by May 26, 2015.

He invited the Commission to an Arbor Day tree planting activity at Angle Lake Park on April 22.

He commented briefly on the just-concluded National APA Conference and suggested a more thorough discussion be postponed until a future meeting.

6. Planning Commission Comments

Commissioner Chapin commented on the Federal Way Link Extension and encouraged members to review the material that had been distributed.

7. Adjournment

Moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

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