

CITY OF SEATAC
PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes of February 17, 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 5:34 p.m.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Briefing on Major Comprehensive Plan Update – Capital Facilities, Utilities and Economic Vitality Elements

Senior Planner Mike Scarey noted that this evening would be the second time the Commission has reviewed these elements. Staff is seeking any final comments from the Commission before a final draft version of the complete plan is provided prior to the scheduled March 17th joint meeting with the City Council.

Mr. Scarey noted that a “clean” version of the each element had been provided in the packet; he handed out an edited “strike-through” version so it is clear where changes have been made.

Changes to the Capital Facilities Element were reviewed. The Commission noted a few minor edits that would be desirable.

Mr. Scarey reviewed the Utilities Element, noting that it was last reviewed by the Commission in April 2014. While discussing refuse collection, the Commission inquired why the City does not require individual residential curbside pickup. Staff was asked to provide an answer.

Utilities Policy 6.1.C was discussed (relates to mandatory connection to public sewer when located within 300 ft.). Mr. Scarey clarified that this requirement would only occur at the time of development; existing development is not required to connect.

It was suggested to change the last sentence of the discussion portion of Policy 6.3.B from “can” to “should”, providing a stronger basis for requiring landscaping of utilities stations.

Several needed minor edits were also noted throughout the Utilities Element.

Mr. Scarey noted that the Economic Vitality Element was last reviewed in July 2014. He reviewed changes that have been made since that time and also noted there were some issues with the map, which will be corrected in the final version.

The Commission suggested that Policy 8.2E be modified to require a review of the tax and fee structure every 3 years instead of the 5 year period currently noted in the policy.

In discussion Goal 8.3, concerning job training and education, the Commission requested further information on what the City has or may do in regard to supporting this goal.

4. CED Director's report

Director Joe Scorcio advised the Commission there will be a meeting occurring at 5:30 p.m. on March 3rd to address parking issues in the neighborhood east of International Blvd. in the vicinity of S. 176th St.

He noted that the structure for the March 17th joint meeting with the Council will have the first part of the meeting devoted to all elements of the Comprehensive Plan other than Transportation; the second half of the meeting will be devoted to Transportation exclusively.

Mr. Scorcio reported that the City's new Code Compliance Program Coordinator started earlier in the day. Nick Stephens comes to the City from the City of Tacoma, where he had worked in code enforcement for over 15 years. He also noted that staff is interviewing Building Inspector candidates and will soon be advertising for the Code Compliance administrative assistant position.

Mr. Scorcio handed out information regarding the Planning Commissioner tracks to be held at the National APA Convention in April.

8. Adjournment

Moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

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