

**CITY OF SEATAC
PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes of September 15, 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; Kate Kaehny Senior Planner

1. Call to Order

Chair Adamack called the meeting to order at 6:44 p.m.

2. Approval of minutes

Moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2015 meeting as presented.
Passed 4-0.

3. Briefing on Zoning Code reformatting project

Senior Planner Kate Kaehny presented an overview of this project, which has received the endorsement of both the Commission and the City Council. She reminded the Commission that the goal is to restructure and streamline the Code to create a more user-friendly document for both staff and the community. It will also allow other code amendments to move forward in the upcoming years in a more efficient manner. The project will not result in any substantive changes to existing code standards; the only changes to occur will be those necessary to resolve conflicts.

Ms. Kaehny reviewed some of the issues experienced with the current code, reasons why this project is important. She drew the Commission's attention to a comparison the current table of contents of the Zoning Code versus the proposed organizational structure of "divisions." This allows for a more logical organization, even though the new proposal will result in more chapters than currently found. She also reviewed examples of the newly-formatted land use charts and the tracking mechanism that is being used to detail where clarifying changes are being proposed and the reason for those changes.

Another briefing will be held at the Commission's October 20th meeting. The goal is to have a public hearing on the newly formatted Code in November, with Council action to occur at their last meeting of the year (December 8th).

4. CED Director's Report

CED Director Joe Scorcio asked those Commissioners who attended the 5:00 Healthy Communities Forum on Affordable Housing to share any thoughts/comments.

Mr. Scorcio advised the Commission that the City Council is scheduled to take action on the short plat code amendments and also the code compliance-related amendments.

He provided a brief report on the International Festival, noting that attendance was down from previous years. Organizers are considering whether to move the date to sometime before Labor Day.

Mr. Scorcio reminded the Commission of the October 6 Smart Growth America community forum, which will essentially be the Commission's next meeting. He also handed out information regarding a new, dedicated code compliance phone line.

Finally, he discussed the number of hotel projects that are under consideration and some of the issues these projects face in complying with maximum front yard setback requirements.

5. Adjournment

Moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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