

Land Use and Parks Committee Minutes

Monday, March 14, 2016 5:30 PM SeaTac City Hall – Council Chambers

Members: Present: Absent: Commence: 5:36 P.M. Adjourn: 7:35 P.M.

Rick Forshler, Chair X

Peter Kwon X at 5:50

Pam Fernald X

Other Council Members Present: Kathryn Campbell, Tony Anderson

Staff Coordinators: Joe Scorcio, Community Economic Development Director; Lawrence Ellis, Acting Parks and Recreation Director

Other Staff Present: Jeff Robinson, Steve Pilcher, Kate Kaehny, Mary Mirante Bartolo, Mark Johnsen, Lesa Ellis

1. Public Comment	Councilmember Campbell asked Mayor Forshler why she isn't on a standing Council committee.
Community Garden Update (PICH Grant)	XInformational UpdateX Recommendation Acting Parks and Recreation Director Lawrence Ellis presented the background of the PICH grant to the committee and the current status of the grant. Staff and collaborators are requesting committee's direction on the location of the community garden. There have been a series of community meetings and surveys to determine the location of the garden and the 2 out of the top 3 desired locations are the Riverton and North SeaTac sites. Valley View Learning Center was ranked second but due to many issues (lack of parking, timing, and topography), it was omitted from this discussion. Representatives from the Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden Foundation, Wendy Morgan and Jason Billingsley, supported the community garden to be located at the North SeaTac Park, adjacent to the botanical garden. Councilmember Fernald thought North SeaTac is best location based on proximity to the SeaTac Community Center, adequate parking and open to all populations and

	ages. Members from the committee recommended that the community garden be located at the North SeaTac Park. Staff will present that recommendation at an upcoming Council meeting.
3. Beautification of fence on 188 th Street	X Informational: Councilmember Pam Fernald asked the Parks and Recreation Department to investigate into upgrading the fence along So. 188 th Street between 32 nd and 36 th Avenues So. The chain link fence is located on the north side of the street. She would like to have some sort of mural on the fence to give the entrance into the city a "facelift". Lawrence Ellis will consult with King County 4Culture staff for some recommendations. Staff will return to LUP with an update.
4. Revision to 2016 Planning Commission Work Plan	X Recommended for: Mayor Rick Forschler recapped recent discussions at the Council meetings about moving the regularly scheduled 2017 amendment process of the Comprehensive Plan forward to begin and be completed in 2016. CED Director Joe Scorcio and Planning Manager Steve Pilcher presented a report detailing adjustments to approved work programs in order to move this project forward. Some revisions to zoning and other development codes would be deferred until late 2016 and into 2017, as staff duties would need to be shifted accordingly to cover the amendment process work. Joe noted that the upcoming retirements of Senior Planner Mike Scarey and Senior Engineering Tech Mike Bryan will also impact all development reviews and planning projects. With prompt recruitment and hiring of their replacements, Joe feels that all the items on the work programs will be addressed accordingly and in a timely manner.
	The department managers are always reviewing the workload and making adjustments to meet adequate application and permit turnaround times (number 1 priority). Re-balancing workloads is a normal occurrence. The department will work concurrently on the comprehensive plan amendment process with continued work on the zoning code. The code revisions will be stretched out over a longer period of time to cover the Comprehensive Plan effort. The committee's recommendation is to conduct an amendment process this year. This recommendation will be forwarded to the full Council for