



Land Use and Parks Committee Minutes

Thursday, August 11, 2016
5:07 PM
SeaTac City Hall – Riverton Room

Members:	Present:	Absent:	Commence:	5:05 P.M.
			Adjourn:	6:37 P.M.
Rick Forschler, Chair	X			
Peter Kwon	X			
Pam Fernald	X			

Staff Coordinators: Jeff Robinson, Acting Community & Economic Development Director, Lawrence Ellis, Parks & Recreation Director

Other Staff Present: Joseph Scorcio, Steve Pilcher, Cindy Corsilles

1. Public Comment	<i>Earl Gipson, SeaTac, encouraged the Committee to start and end its meetings on time.</i>
2. War Memorial Structure	<p><u> X </u> Recommendation</p> <p><i>Deputy Mayor Pam Fernald suggested the City explore installation of a Veterans' Memorial at the 24th Ave. entrance to the Community Center. She noted that other communities (such as Lynnwood) have these types of memorials. The City could partner with the VFW, other veterans' groups, or Eagle Scouts in order to get a project completed.</i></p> <p><i>Parks Director Lawrence Ellis stated staff may need to look for grants and also explore if there are particular protocols for these types of memorials.</i></p> <p><i>The Committee agreed the concept should be moved forward to the full Council for action. Acting City Manager Joseph Scorcio noted that a decision card should be included as part of the budget process.</i></p>
3. Draft Critical Areas Regulations	<p><u> X </u> Discussion</p> <p><i>Planning Manager Steve Pilcher noted that materials had been sent out</i></p>

	<p><i>prior to the last scheduled meeting at the end of July. There are four main issues areas to be discussed.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><i>1. Definition of “alteration” – It was agreed that the first sentence of the proposed definition should be eliminated.</i><i>2. Wetland buffers – the Committee discussed the proposed new buffer standards, which apply to four different wetland categories and are based upon a “habitat score.” Staff pointed out there is an exemption for portions of buffers that already feature development (pavement or buildings); these areas can be redeveloped per proposed SMC 15.700.285(I).</i> <p><i>The Committee also discussed the table on page 38 concerning wetland impact mitigation measures and whether these should apply to single family uses. Staff was asked to check on whether the 33% increase in wetland buffer size for failure to comply with these is required by State guidelines.</i></p> <p><i>The table on the top of page 50 was also discussed. This table establishes mitigation ratios for when impacts to wetlands and their buffers occur.</i></p> <p><i>For the next meeting, staff was asked to: a) provide sources for “habitat score;” b) review the wetland categories on page 36 and the potential requirement of a 33% increase in buffer width; c) check on the source in State guidance/regulations for the table on page 50; d) consider whether the wetland buffer exemption from section 15.700.285(I) can be moved the general exemption section; and e) clarify what uses may be allowed within a wetland area or its buffer.</i></p>
4. Next meeting	<p><i>The next meeting will be held on August 25, 2016, beginning at 5:00 p.m. There will be no advertised time limit.</i></p>
5. Adjourn	<p><i>The meeting was adjourn at 6:37 PM.</i></p>