

CITY OF SEATAC
PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes of September 20, 2016
Regular Meeting

Members present: Joe Adamack, Roxie Chapin, Robert Scully
Members absent: Jim Todd, Tom Dantzler (both excused)
Staff present: Acting City Manager Joe Scorcio; Acting Community Development Director Jeff Robinson; Steve Pilcher, Planning Manager; Kate Kaehny, Senior Planner

1. Call to Order

Chair Adamack called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2016 regular meeting as written. **Passed 3-0.**

4. Public Hearing: Urban Agriculture Code amendments

Chair Adamack opened the public hearing at 5:31 p.m.

Kate Kaehny, Senior Planner, stated that the hearing was the culmination of a series of work sessions on this topic. She reminded the Commission that the project was partially funded through a PICH (Partners in Community Health) grant the City received in 2015. As a side note, Ms. Kaehny also noted there will be a community garden celebration on September 28th and the Community Center, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Ms. Kaehny then overviewed the policy basis found supporting the proposed changes. She also reviewed the community engagement process that had occurred to receive input on both the general topic of urban agriculture and also a proposed community garden. She reminded the Commission that the Zoning Code already allows quite a range of urban agricultural activities and that these code revisions represent more of a clarification/standardization of how to address these uses. Ms. Kaehny then reviewed the various changes under consideration for: community gardens; market gardens; urban farms; farmers' markets; produce stands (both temporary and permanent) and accessory structures. The regulations also address parking and signage.

The Commission noted that the proposed changes reflect their past discussions.

The Chair inquired whether anyone in attendance at the meeting wished to testify. There being no one who wished to do so, testimony was then closed at 5:48 p.m.

Moved and seconded to approve the recommended code revisions as presented. **Passed 3-0.**

5. Briefing: Potential Park'n'Fly code amendments

Senior Planner Kate Kaehny noted that the briefing is intended to be informational only. She then reviewed the reason why the Commission is being asked to revisit this issue, which was last discussed as part of the Major Zoning Code update project. She reviewed applicable policy language from the City Center Plan and current code provisions, plus what occurred with the Wally Park and Master Park garages, both of which were developed under development agreements.

Ms. Kaehny also reviewed the proposal that was put forth by a 2012 Ad Hoc Committee that was formed to examine this issue. This proposal was not adopted by Council, in whole or in part.

6. Work session: Domestic Animals regulations

Planning Manager Steve Pilcher noted this topic had been discussed with the Commission at two prior meetings and that the Mayor has indicated a need for the Commission to make a formal recommendation to the Council. In particular, the issue of keeping roosters is a primary area of concern. Staff has proceeded with scheduling a public hearing on this topic for the October 4th Planning Commission meeting.

Mr. Pilcher then reviewed the proposed code amendment language, which includes a prohibition against the keeping of roosters and the deletion of the never-used equestrian overlay district. He also reviewed information he had received from the Police Chief regarding how King County Animal Control responds to complaints regarding noisy animals.

The Chair indicated he may propose alternate language for the Commission's consideration.

7. CED Director's Report

Acting CED Director Jeff Robinson provided information regarding the "Party on the Plaza" event to occur on Saturday, September 24, celebrating the opening of light rail service to the Angle Lake Station.

8. City Manager's Report

Acting City Manager Joe Scorcio advised the Commission that the Council's Transportation and Public Works Committee is meeting at this time to review L.I.D. implementation.

He also announced that the City's appeal of the Port of Seattle's SEPA determination on the Flight Corridor Safety Program has been posted on the City's website.

9. Commissioner Comments

None.

10. Adjournment

Moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.