

Code Compliance Committee Minutes

Thursday, December 8, 2016 4:00 PM SeaTac City Hall – Riverton Room

| Members: | Present: | Absent: | Commence: | 4:04 P.M. |
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| | | | Adjourn: | 5:32 P.M. |
| Peter Kwon, Chair | Χ | | | |
| Rick Forschler | Χ | | | |
| Pam Fernald | | Χ | | |

Staff Coordinator: Steve Pilcher, Planning Manager

Other Staff Present: Joe Scorcio, Acting City Manager; Cindy Corsilles, Asst. City

Attorney

| Approval of minutes | The minutes of the October 26, 2016 meeting were approved by consensus. |
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| 2. Purpose Statement | X Discussion Planning Manager Steve Pilcher stated that while updating Committee information on the City's web page, City Clerk Kristina Gregg noted this Committee did not have a stated purpose or mission. After discussion, the Committee agreed to the following purpose statements: Improve code compliance processes to create more successful outcomes Provide input to staff on the code compliance program and priorities As necessary, forward recommendations to the City Council for action. |
| 3. Statistics/Graphics | X Discussion A variety of graphics displaying various code statistics were handed out for review and comment. The Committee expressed a desire to have the graphics include both number of cases and percentages. It was agreed |

| | that quarterly statistical reports would be sufficient. | |
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| 4. Amendments to SMC 1.15 | XDiscussion Planning Manager Pilcher indicated the draft amendments attempt to accomplish two main things: 1) eliminate the Notice and Order/Hearing Examiner process and instead, have all cases go through a citation process/Municipal Court; and 2) increase fines to a minimum of \$250. The Committee wished to know whether fines are currently being paid before agreeing to a potential increase. It was agreed to table that issue until more information is available. Staff was asked to look into the possibility of imposing larger fines with longer compliance periods, with the understanding the fine could be dismissed if a property is brought into compliance. The remainder of the proposed revisions to SMC 1.15 were acceptable. | |
| 5. Foreclosure registry | X Discussion Staff handed out information regarding a program the City of Spokane is using, which requires banks to register foreclosed homes with the city. Spokane is using a 3 rd party company to administer the program and provide fees and information to the city. It was agreed that staff should continue to investigate this issue and return with more information. | |
| 6. New business | XDiscussion Staff was asked to investigate the City's ability to enforce against other governmental agencies, such as the Port of Seattle and HUD-owned properties. Staff was also asked to investigate how the City might use mediation to resolve issues that are actually private nuisances. | |
| 7. Adjourn | The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m. | |