

CITY OF SEATAC
PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes of July 18, 2017
Regular Meeting

Members present: Roxie Chapin, Tom Dantzler, Pam Pollock, Jim Todd
Members absent: None
Staff present: Steve Pilcher, Planning Manager

1. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Pollock called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Public Comment

Earl Gipson, SeaTac, commented regarding the State Department of Transportation concept of implementing variable tolling for the SR 509 project. He advocated a flat toll rate.

3. Approval of Minutes

Move and second to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2017 meeting as written. **Passed 4-0.**

4. Worksession on Miscellaneous Code Amendments

Planning Manager Steve Pilcher noted that periodically, staff brings forward a variety of code amendments to improve efficiencies, correct errors or to respond to new issues that have arisen during staff's administration of the code. The current list consists of 14 different sets of amendments.

Mr. Pilcher reviewed the proposals individually. In particular, the Commission discussed the issue of single family residential parking. Currently, the Zoning Code limits allowable parking within the front yard to no more than 800 sq. ft. or 50% of the front yard area, whichever is less. Staff is suggesting the 800 sq. ft. limitation be eliminated. Commission members discussed what standard might be appropriate, given a desire to reduce on-street parking. It was agreed that staff would return with a list of alternatives for further discussion.

The Commission concurred with the direction of the proposed amendments. Staff will return with some minor adjustments, based upon the discussion. In addition, Commissioner Dantzler requested that the "incentives" provision that exists in the S. 154th St. Station Area regulations be added to the Angle Lake District Station Area regulations.

5. Briefing on Subdivision Code amendments

Mr. Pilcher advised the Commission that staff is working on an overhaul of the Subdivision Code, primarily to eliminate unnecessary provisions and provide an overall streamlining of the code. Once a draft is prepared, staff plans to reach out to the stakeholders (surveyors and engineers doing a lot of work in the City, King County MasterBuilders, etc.) to receive their input.

6. Director’s Report

Mr. Pilcher reported that two new Commissioners may be appointed at the July 25, 2017 City Council meeting. Given the increased size of the Commission, future meetings will be held in the City Council Chambers.

He also reported that the City Council has referred the S. 154th St. Station Area regulations to the Land Use and Parks Committee to address some concerns regarding bicycle parking standards.

Finally, Mr. Pilcher reported that the City’s Airport Committee discussed Port’s Concourse D Hardstand Holdroom SEPA determination and whether the City should file an appeal of the issued Determination of Nonsignificance.

7. Commissioners’ Reports

The Commission discussed issues concerning the airport.

8. Adjournment

Moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

