

CITY OF SEATAC
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Minutes of June 21, 2022, Meeting

Members present: Alyne Hansen, Damiana Merryweather, Karin Ellis, Tom Dantzler, Tony Zuniga Sanchez, Bandhan (Brandon) Singh (Arrived 5:44)

Members absent: Jagtar Saroya

Staff & Others

Present: Jenn Kester, *Planning Manager*; Alena Tuttle, *Associate Planner*; Barbara Mailo, *Admin 3*; Sea TV

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Vice Chair Hansen called the meeting at 5:31 pm and roll call.

2. Election of Chair

Vice Chair Hansen opened the floor for nomination of new PC Chair. Commissioner Dantzler nominated Vice Chair Hansen as PC Chair. Vice Chair Hansen accepted the nomination. All were in favor of nomination.

Vice Chair nomination:

Vice Chair Hansen opened the floor for nomination of new PC Vice Chair. Vice Chair Hansen nominated Commissioner Sanchez for PC Vice Chair. Commissioner Sanchez accepted the Vice Chair nomination. All were in favor of nomination.

3. Approval of the minutes of May 17, 2022, meeting

Commissioner Dantzler moved to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Sanchez second. All were in favor of approving minutes as written.

4. Public Comments on items not on the agenda

In-person public comment received from Mr. Earl Gipson.

5. Code Amendments: Reentry Centers (also known as “halfway houses”)

Presented by Associate Planner Alena Tuttle.

The purpose of the presentation was to guide the Planning Commission through a series of questions to gain direction for staff in order to draft changes to the municipal code related to the “Halfway House” use.

Potential Committee Action

- Provide direction on preferred regulations for the appropriate siting of a Reentry Center in SeaTac in order for staff to draft code.

The presentation included the following:

- Overview
- Question 1: Should a reentry center be located within a residential zoning designation?
- Question 2: Should a reentry center be located within the urban center?
- Question 3: Should this land use be buffered from other uses?
- Question 4: What standards and/or development regulations would be beneficial to establish?

- Question 5: Is the current process for permitting adequate?
 - *Discussions commenced after each question with Commissioner Dantzler, Vice Chair Sanchez, Commissioner Merryweather, Commissioner Ellis, Commissioner Singh, and Chair Hansen.*
 - *Mr. Earl Gipson presented an in-person public comment.*

6. July 2022 – June 2023 Work Plan

Presented by Planning Manager Jenn Kester.

Ms. Kester went over the Work Plan items. Recommended that Commissioners make any changes and to make a motion at next meeting and pass on to the City Council.

- *Commissioner Dantzler motioned to accept this Work Plan as written and vote for an amendment. Commissioner Sanchez second. All were in favor of motion. Motion passed.*
- *Commissioner Singh requested to re-examine policies around ADUs. Ms. Kester responded.*

7. CED Staff Report

Reported by Planning Manager Jenn Kester:

- Ms. Kester indicated that the July 5th PC meeting's proximity is close to the July 4th holiday and recommended cancelling the meeting.
 - *Commissioner Dantzler motioned to cancel July 5th PC meeting. Commissioner Merryweather second. All were in favor of motion. Motion passed*
- Ms. Kester informed the Commission of the upcoming June 23rd PED meeting and that they are welcomed to view the meeting packet online and participate in the meeting if they wish.
- Ms. Kester reported that there is Planning Division staffing changes:
 - Senior Planner Tomporowski will be leaving the city and this position will be vacant.
 - July 18th new Associate Planner to start.

8. Planning Commission Comments (including suggestions for next meeting agenda)

- Vice Chair Hansen wished Commissioner Dantzler a Happy Birthday and that she was happy to attend an in-person meeting.
- Commissioner Merryweather expressed that she was happy to be here.

9. Adjournment

Commissioner Dantzler motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Sanchez second. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.