

CITY OF SEATAC
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Minutes of November 1, 2022 Meeting

Members present: Chair Alyne Hansen, Bandhan (Brandon) Singh, Damiana Merryweather, Karin Ellis, Vice Chair Tony Zuniga Sanchez, Jagtar Saroya

Members absent: Tom Dantzler

Staff & Others

Present: Evan Maxim, *CED Director*; Jenn Kester, *Planning Manager*; Alena Tuttle, *Associate Planner*; Laura Stilwell, *Associate Planner*; Peter Kwon, *Councilmember*; Barbara Mailo, *Admin 3*; SeaTV

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Alyne Hansen called the meeting at 5:30 pm and roll call.

2. Approval of the minutes of October 4, 2022, meeting

Vice Chair Tony Zuniga Sanchez motioned to approve minutes. Commissioner Damiana Merryweather seconded. Minutes **passed 6-0**.

3. Public Comments on items not on the agenda

None

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

Presented by Associate Planner Alena Tuttle.

The following information is found in the 11/1/2022 PC meeting packet Memorandum and presented in tonight’s meeting:

Purpose and Background:

During this meeting, Staff will present to the Planning Commission, analysis and comparison of the proposed regulatory approaches pertaining to the Reentry Center buffer distance. In the public hearing version of the proposed code, the buffer applies to parks with “active recreation.” After the public hearing on October 4, 2022, the Planning Commission wanted to consider including all park parcels, in an effort to simplify, maintain consistency, and ensure community safety. The Planning Commission also requested staff (if the city has the legality) to consider requiring a Reentry Center to cease operations if accreditation was withdrawn and/or if any serious crime(s) were committed by any person/s while in residence at the Reentry Center.

A Planning Commission recommendation of the code amendment package to City Council is requested by Staff at the meeting on November 1, 2022.

Maps presented for discussion:

- Citywide Active Recreation Parks Map
- Analysis Comparison All parks VS Active Rec Map
- Citywide All Parks Included Map
- Vicinity Map A
- Vicinity Map B

- Vicinity Map C
- Vicinity Map D
- Parks Schools Within 1750ft of City Boundary Map
- 9. PH Draft Code

Discussion commenced with Chair Hansen, Vice Chair Sanchez, and Associate Planner Tuttle.

Public comments were received in person from attending public audience:

- Earl Gipson

Public written comments were received from:

- B. Hagar regarding work release facility
- Pam Fernald regarding halfway houses
- Earl Gipson regarding Re-entry/Halfway House/Work Release facility regulations

Commissioner Merryweather motioned to recommend approval of the proposed code language, amended to include all park types in the buffer provisions, and recommend further consideration of additional language regarding cessation of re-entry facilities. Motion second by Vice Chair Sanchez. Motioned **passed 6-0**.

5. CED Staff Report

Reported by Planning Manager Kester.

- Council is expected to potentially pass the next Biennial Budget in the next council meeting on 11/8/2022.
- Changes to the PC membership scope will be presented at the A&F Committee.

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

None

7. Adjournment

Vice Chair Sanchez motioned to adjourn meeting. Second by Commissioner Merryweather. Motion **passed 6-0**. Meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm.