



City Manager's Weekly Update

February 20, 2009

Dear Mayor, Councilmembers, Residents, and Employees:

Police News: On February 3, Travis Dean Cunningham of SeaTac pled guilty to possession of a dangerous dog. On September 8, one of Cunningham's two pit bulls attacked a 71-year-old woman near her home in SeaTac. The victim, Huong Le, was seriously injured.

Cunningham also pled guilty to one count of first-degree unlawful possession of a firearm. While investigating the dog attack, King County sheriff's deputies searched Cunningham's home and found a stolen firearm. Mr. Cunningham has a prior felony conviction which makes it illegal for him to possess a gun. He faces a sentence of 77 months in prison for possession of a dangerous dog and the weapons charge, plus an additional 63 months for violating the terms of his prior sentence. Sentencing is scheduled for March 13.

In a separate case Ronald Tobin pled guilty to five felony cases involving stolen cars and narcotics possession. SeaTac Police had two investigations with Mr. Tobin who is a prolific auto thief in our city. The King County Prosecutor's Office will recommend a sentence of 57 months. Sentencing is scheduled for February 27.

On February 4, Street Crimes detectives assisted the King County Sheriff's Office Major Crimes unit in providing surveillance and the subsequent arrest of a homicide suspect located in a Tukwila hotel. SeaTac Police secured the scene and talked the suspect out of the hotel room. The suspect was booked for the murder of his mother and father.

Domestic Violence Task Force Activities: During the week of February 2 – 9, the City of SeaTac Domestic Violence Task Force worked in partnership with several students at the Tyee Educational Complex to collect information on surveys for National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week. The students were able to gather 60 surveys covering teens experiencing violence in dating relationships. This information will be used for their Junior Community Service Report and they have already decided to continue collecting data for their Senior Community project. Community Domestic Violence Advocate Chris Peterson, Community Service Officers Eloise Kruger and Mechee Burnett, and other task force members assisted during the lunch hour at the school. Gift cards and candy were given out to entice the teens to participate in the survey and to take educational information.

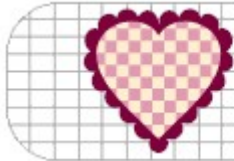
The Domestic Violence Task force also completed a cell phone donation drive at City Hall and collected 122 cell phones and batteries to be redistributed to the victims of domestic violence.

Attachments:
February Calendar

Agendas:
Planning Commission 2.23.09
Transportation & Public Works 2.24.09

Minutes:
Land Use & Parks Committee 2.12.09


Craig R. Ward, City Manager



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Domestic Violence Task Force 5:30pm (Riverton RM 128)	4 Shoreline Master Program CAC 6pm (Airport Conf RM 345)	5	6	7
8	9 Civil Service Comm 3:30pm (Executive Conf RM 109) PC 5:30pm (CC RM 105)	10 PS&J 3:30pm (Airport Conf RM 345) A&F 4pm (Airport Conf RM 345) SCM 5pm (CC RM 105) RCM 6pm (CC RM 105)	11 Hotel/Motel Tax Adv Com 3pm (Airport Conf RM 345)	12 LUP 4:30pm (Airport Conf RM 345)	13	14
15	16 President's Day City Hall Closed in Observance Human Svs Adv Com (Re-scheduled to 02/18/09)	17 Sr Citizen Adv Com 12:30pm (STCC)	18 Human Svs Adv Com 5:30pm (Riverton Room 128) Shoreline Master Program CAC 6pm (Airport Conf RM 345)	19 Hearing Examiner 6pm (CC RM 105)	20	21
22	23 PC 5:30pm (CC RM 105)	24 T&PW 4pm (Airport Conf RM 345) RCM 6pm (CC RM 105)	25	26	27	28

MEETING LEGEND:

A&F	Administration & Finance
LUP	Land Use & Parks
PC	Planning Commission
PS&J	Public Safety & Justice

RCM	Regular Council Meeting
SCM	Special Council Meeting
T&PW	Transportation & Public Works

MEETING Location

(CC RM 105)	Council Chambers*
(STCC)	SeaTac Community Center
(VRCC)	Valley Ridge Community Center
(VV Library)	Valley View Library

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*Council Chambers are accessible to persons with disabilities and are also equipped with Assistive Listening Devices.

The dates and times of meetings are subject to change. Please contact City Hall to verify the above information.



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**CITY OF SEATAC
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

February 23, 2009

**Council Chambers, SeaTac City Hall, 4800 S. 188th Street
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call – 5:30 P.M.
2. Approve Minutes of February 9, 2009 – 5:30 to 5:35 P.M. [Exhibit A]
3. New Business – 5:35 to 6:00 P.M.
 - Update on Shoreline Master Program Update Process [Exhibit __]
 - Overview of Major Zoning Code Update Process [Exhibit __]
4. Old Business – 6:00 to 7:15 P.M.
 - Continued Discussion about Potential Zoning Code Amendments Regarding Tree Retention [Exhibit __]
 - Continued Discussion Regarding “Dumbbell Lots” [Exhibit__]
 - Review of Planning Commission’s Three Month Work Schedule [Exhibit __]
5. Detailed Commission Liaison's Report – 7:15 to 7:20 P.M.
6. Planning Director's Report – 7:20 to 7:25 P.M.
7. Planning Commission Comments (including suggestions for next meeting’s agenda) – 7:25 to 7:30 P.M.
8. Adjournment – 7:30 P.M.



Transportation and Public Works Committee Agenda

February 24, 2009
4:00 PM
Airport Conference Room 345

Members:

Mia Gregerson, Chair
Chris Wythe
Tony Anderson

Staff Coordinator: Tom Gut, Public Works Director

1. Proposal to adjust Public Works Permit Fee Schedule (Gary)
2. Update on consultant selection for the 2009 Pedestrian Improvement Project - 42nd Ave South Sidewalk (Daren)
3. Update on Purchasing Code (Mark)
4. Approval of low bidders for asphalt patching and landscaping for Fire Station 46 (Pat)



(Note: To be Approved by the City Council on 2/24/09)

City Council Committee Meeting Land Use and Parks Committee (LUP)

February 12, 2009

4:30 PM/Airport Conference Room - 345

Present:

Chris Wythe, Chair
Tony Anderson
Gene Fisher

Absent:

Commence: 4:35 p.m.

Adjourn: 8:00 p.m.

Others Present:

Steve Butler	Mark Johnsen	Leonard McGhee	Roxie Chapin
Craig Ward	Barry Ladenburg	Eric Chipps	Earl Gipson
Jack Dodge	John Thompson	Daryl Tapio	Art Skolnik

Staff Coordinator: Steve Butler, Director, Department of Planning & Community Development

AB #	Topic	Disposition
	<p>1. Presentation by Partners for Livable Communities' Suburban Alternatives Program.</p> <p>Art Skolnik</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informational Update</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Recommended for:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Approval</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Approval with modifications</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Denial</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Referred to</p>
	<p>Comments:</p> <p>Art Skolnik distributed documents regarding a number of suburban alternatives that include: (1) The restored village concept; (2) The new town center; and (3) Greenfield villages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most stimulus packages are geared toward larger cities. • Suburban City – This is a derogatory term. • All cities are equal except for scale. • Councilmember Wythe – Does what you're describing have land use implications? (Answer: No, trying to establish the goals of cities.) • More people moving to smaller cities rather than to Seattle. • Will be looking at smaller cities establishing "town centers". How do they relate with surrounding cities? (Answer: Overlapping development creates a waste of monies; many functions duplicated. Would like to look at four to five communities relative to scale and needs. • Councilmember Wythe – What is the cost to participate? (Answer: \$35,000.) • Councilmember Fisher – Need to talk with Suburban Cities (would participate if free). • Part of effort will be to communicate with Suburban Cities. • Try to do smaller city thinking; have a number of cities thinking as a unit. How would the cities be promoted? • Councilmember Wythe – Still unclear what direct benefits and costs would be, need a clear summary. • Councilmember Fisher – Need to know the pros and cons (if this study does the same thing as Suburban Cities, would have problems with funding.) 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councilmember Wythe – Art Skolnik was asked to work with Steve Butler to provide more details for LUP.
<p>2. Presentation on Sound Transit’s ST-2 Mass Transit Expansion Program. Leonard McGhee Eric Chipps</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informational Update <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended for: <input type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Approval with modifications <input type="checkbox"/> Denial <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to</p>
	<p>Comments: Eric Chipps distributed materials, made a PowerPoint presentation, and discussed ST-2 as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.5 mile light rail extension from SeaTac/Airport station to S. 200th St. • Project elements include VE, constructability review, final design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction. • Revenue service by December, 2020. • Project elements include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alignment elevated on east side of 28th Ave. S. consistent with future right of way of the Port of Seattle south link and south access project - Includes an elevated station straddling S. 200th St. - Includes provisions for leasing 630 park & ride spaces in a two/four story structure - Bus transfer area located underneath station - A kiss & ride facility located adjacent to bus transfer area/share signalized entrance off S. 200th St. - An extension F. S. 198th St. between IB and 28th Ave. S. required • Discussed map. • 36 miles of new light rail (including to Microsoft). • Would terminate at Redondo/Star Lake area. • New Sound Transit buses will be provided. • New services in off-peak period. • Expand rail (4 additional trains south). • Will have 9 trains plus 8-car Sounder trains (currently 7). • Environmental work done to S. 200th St. (there will be an environmental process for expansion south of S. 200th St.). • South of S. 200th St. in conceptual stage (for cost estimates). • Timing – 2023 to Redondo/Star Lake; 2020 to Highline CC. • Just beginning an implementation schedule. • Councilmember Fisher – Remote parking – no one will pay park ‘n fly prices for parking. Are you going to have remote parking? Will it be subsidized? (Answer: Nothing has been decided yet.) • Councilmember Wythe – We have a property owner who would lease space. • Earl Gipson – Surface or structure? (Answer: Conceptual findings – garages. Assumed structured parking to lease at S. 200th.) • Leonard McGhee discussed exiting the airport, and summarized negotiations with L&R Investment (including impacts). • PSRC submitted S. 200th design for the stimulus package; understand it is in the stimulus package. • Todd Cutts – What’s budgeted in ST-2? Answer: (If it was a distinct project, funds set aside (stations, parking)).

	<p>3. Discussion about YMCA Annual Program Purchase.</p> <p>Kit Ledbetter Claudia Tan</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informational Update <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommended for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval – on fee/Purchase of Fee Services <input type="checkbox"/> Approval with modifications <input type="checkbox"/> Denial <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to</p>
	<p>Comments:</p> <p>Kit Ledbetter distributed YMCA programs – costs for buying services (total \$56,930).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councilmember Fisher – Is this over 20 years? (Answer: One year costs \$56,930 for the programs outlined.) • Councilmember Ladenburg – Is there still an area where youths can go without memberships? (Answer: Yes, there is a free area for teens in the front of the building.) • Councilmember Ladenburg – What will the membership costs be? (Answer: \$100 to join, then \$56 per month.) • Councilmember Wythe – Will there be a user fee? (Answer: Yes.) • Councilmember Ladenburg – Family night/teen night, will they need punch cards? (Answer: No.) • Councilmember Wythe – Can we track SeaTac resident’s use? (Answer: Possibly.) • YMCA is tentatively scheduled for a “soft opening” in October; the full public opening in November. 	
	<p>4. Discussion about Proposed Changes to the Fee Schedule.</p> <p>Jack Dodge Kit Ledbetter</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informational Update <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommended for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval – Parks & Clerks <input type="checkbox"/> Approval with modifications <input type="checkbox"/> Denial <input type="checkbox"/> Referred to</p>
	<p>Comments:</p> <p>Kit Ledbetter explained parks’ proposed fee changes. Current fees are low. Has a range of fees to minimize the need for future changes.</p> <p><u>Parks</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No residents have complained about fees; residents would have lower fees than others. • Roxie Chapin – Do we no longer have non-resident fees? (Answer: Yes, we do, with co-sponsored groups.) • Councilmember Wythe – How do we track co-sponsor? (Answer: Co-sponsored groups, look at roster.) • Councilmember Ladenburg – What’s the break point on youth? (Answer: Under 18.) • Kit Ledbetter – We do not allow tackle football at Valley Ridge. <p><u>Clerks</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk’s Office – Okay. <p><u>Planning</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jack Dodge explained the notification process. • Councilmember Ladenburg – Can we have a different process for smaller Planning projects? 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councilmember Wythe – In some cases, we may expand notification. • Councilmember Fisher – Political to go to 1,000 feet. • Rick Forschler – Use technology to help notification. • Maintain the reimbursement to developers for notification of property owners between 500’ & 1000’.
<p>5. Further Discussion about the Proposed New Subdivision Code, Based on Discussion at the City Council Retreat.</p> <p>Jack Dodge Steve Butler</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Informational Update <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommended for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval – Bring to full Council <input type="checkbox"/> Approval with modifications <input type="checkbox"/> Denial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referred to – Have CC determine need for panhandle lots</p>
	<p>Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panhandle lots – No panhandle lots allowed side-by-side. • Look at third option regarding panhandle lots; no more than two together. • Daryl Tapio – Brought up issue regarding locating rockeries and trees. The proposed codes require showing the location of rockeries and trees within 25 feet of the property. He stated this was expensive, rockeries and trees should only be shown on the subject property unless an on-site inspection requires the additional information. • Mark Johnsen – If changes are made by Council, do not vote, bring back two weeks later.
<p>6. Continued Discussion about Zoning Code Amendments Regarding Tree Retention.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informational Update <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended for: <input type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Approval with modifications <input type="checkbox"/> Denial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referred to – Back to Planning Commission</p>
	<p>Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gene Fisher – The City has spent too much time on tree retention. We only needed to close the loophole on clearing. • Steve Butler – If we want to keep the existing regulations, just closing the loophole on clear cutting trees is relatively easy. • Daryl Tapio – Each version of draft tree retention has more impacts. • Chris Wythe – While most developers probably would not clear their property, if we have no regulations against clear cutting, it would allow anyone to just clear their property. There are developers that will just clear their property absent regulations. • Daryl Tapio – Clear cutting is a result of the tree retention regulations. • Rick Forschler – He thought there was an agreement at the Council/PC retreat regarding tree retention. He indicated that the compromise regulations went too far beyond what was discussed. • Jack Dodge – Explained that the “Compromise Tree Retention Regulations” were for discussion purposes only and contained comments not only from the Council Retreat, but from other meetings as well. • Daryl Tapio – Handed out a paper outlining impacts of the newest compromise proposal (attached).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Wythe – Stated that if significant trees are outside of the footprint of the house, driveways, and utility easements, up to three per lot should be saved. He also indicated that the compromise version of tree retention is more simplified. • Steve Butler – Clarified that once a lot was purchased by a home owner, then the new property owner could remove trees. • Barry Ladenburg – If any encumbrances are removed from the property, he saw no problems with the concepts proposed. • Rick Forschler – The Planning Commission would prefer their option (Option 4 of matrix). It was his opinion that the City should have no tree retention regulations. • Chris Wythe – Stated that the City needs to have tree retention regulations in some form. • Roxie Chapin – We need regulations that are simple and easy to understand and do not take away property rights. • Rick Forschler – Indicated the Planning Commission would like to talk more regarding tree retention. He also volunteered that the Planning Commission members would provide their comments regarding the compromise regulations to Jack by Wednesday (2/18/09). • The LUP committee requested that the Planning Commission conduct additional review of the compromise tree retention proposal.
<p>7. Discussion about Proposed Miscellaneous Zoning Code Amendments Related to Monument Signs in Multi-Family Residential Zones, Utility Substations in Single-Family Residential Zones, and Dumbbell Lots.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Informational Update <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommended for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval –Sport League & Monument Signs, Utility Substation in SF & MF Zones <input type="checkbox"/> Approval with modifications <input type="checkbox"/> Denial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referred to – Send Dumbbell lots back to Planning Commission</p>
	<p>Comments: Jack Dodge made a PowerPoint presentation, and reviewed the proposed amendments as follows: <u>Monument Signs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sign shall be located on the primary access to multifamily development exceeding 30 units; auxiliary projections or attachments shall provide single architectural feature unique to the development, do not increase the overall sign lettering normally found on 35 sq. ft. sign, and must be on a scale commensurate with size of development. <p><u>Utility Substation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modify use charts to allow utility substations through the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) process in both single-family and multifamily zones. <p><u>Dumbbell Lots</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff is proposing that dumbbell lots be prohibited. • Rick Forschler – Dumbbell lots should be allowed. The property owner should have the right to develop their property as they see fit . • Councilmember Ladenburg – The proposed lots shown in the picture are poorly designed. • Rick Forschler – The Planning Commission would like to review these types of lots further.