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Meeting Minutes Planning Commission

Monday, January 13, 2014

6:30 PM

Room 207

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1.A ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Commissioner Jessica Bateman, Commissioner Darrell Hoppe, Commissioner Roger Horn, Commissioner Carole Richmond, Commissioner Missy Watts, Chair Max Brown, Commissioner Jerome Parker, Vice Chair Kim Andresen, and Commissioner Judy Bardin

OTHERS PRESENT

Community Planning and Development Principal Planner Todd Stamm, Associate Planner Amy Buckler.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Amendments to the minutes given by Commissioners Parker and Bardin to staff will be inserted and the Commission will review these for approval at the next meeting on January 27, 2013.

13-1018 Approval of November 4, 2013 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Approval of the minutes was postponed.

13-1019 Approval of November 18, 2013 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Approval of the minutes was postponed.

14-0025 Approval of December 9, 2013 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Approval of the minutes was postponed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - None**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Buckler spoke about public comments she received today from Bob Jacobs addressing changes to the Urban Neighborhoods item on tonight's agenda. Chair Brown shared information he received from Rachel Newmann, the new chair of the South Capital Neighborhood Association. She is interested in participating in the conversation regarding code development and is frustrated by the current code regarding the design of a project in her neighborhood, the new Hilton Garden Inn. She believes that the current code does not express the vision for Olympia as laid out in The Comprehensive Plan.

6. INFORMATION REQUESTS - None**7. BUSINESS ITEMS****14-0031** Development Code Amendments for Consistency with Updated Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Stamm shared questions he had received from Commissioner Parker prior to the meeting. He outlined the 2014 Planning Commission Work Program. He discussed Washington's Growth Management Act requirements regarding the implementation of The Comprehensive Plan and the public hearing component that all proposed development regulation amendments are subject to. He described the first set of proposed amendments which included Multi-Family Transitions, Scenic Views from Streets, Capital Campus Master Planning, Rezone Criteria, and Zoning Map Amendments.

The discussion was completed.

14-0044 2014 Planning Commission Work Program

Ms. Buckler discussed the Work Plan for 2014. She emphasized that tonight was an opportunity to brainstorm on what is important to the Commission. Once that has been established Ms. Buckler will work with Chair Brown to schedule the priorities. She reviewed the Items for Consideration in the 2014 OPC Work Program and pointed out that the joint planning meeting for the Urban Corridors Task Force would be an excellent forum if the Commission wants to have a conversation about these issues.

The work session was discussed and closed.

14-0047 Confirm Final Urban Neighborhoods Recommendation

Ms. Buckler discussed the changes to the matrix which included a summary of the recommendations and the goals and policies either confirmed or revised during the

"Urban Neighborhood" review at the last meeting.

The report was approved.

8. REPORTS

Commissioner Parker discussed the email from Ms. Newmann and the need for consistency between code changes and The Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Buckler discussed how staff addresses this issue and the public information process. Commissioner Horn inquired about harmonizing the Shoreline Master Plan with The Comprehensive Plan.

Chair Brown spoke about the appointment of new commissioners in April. He would like the commissioners who are currently in liaison positions to remain in their roles. All Commissioners who are liasons are able to do so, with the exception of Vice Chair Andresen. She will have to change from the Utility Advisory Board and Commissioner Richmond will take her place in April.

Design Review Committee

Commissioner Hoppe reported on the two meetings for the Washington State Employees Credit Union (WSECU) Parking Garage. The proposal designs of changeable art for the east and southeast corners are a unique application and he anticipates that there will be support for the project.

Commissioner Horn attended the Council Retreat and gave a report.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:13 p.m.