



City of Olympia

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Meeting Minutes City Council

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Saturday, July 28, 2012

8:30 AM

The Olympia Center
222 Columbia St. NW

Shoreline Master Program Workshop

1. Open House 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

The Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Workshop began at 8:30 a.m., July 28, 2012 at the Olympia Center. The first half hour was an open house where participants signed in, picked up materials, and mingled with other participants.

2. Welcome and Introductions

Mayor Buxbaum convened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. All Councilmembers were present except for Councilmember Rogers. Mayor Buxbaum welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. Overview

Community Planning & Development (CP&D) Director Keith Stahley followed with comments about the sequence of topics and speakers.

4. Briefings

4.A [12-0298](#) Shoreline Master Program Workshop

CP&D Planning Manager Todd Stamm provided an overview of the Shoreline Management Act and a history of shoreline planning in Thurston County and Olympia. He also provided an overview the Olympia's Shoreline Master Program update process.

4.B Shoreline Inventory and Characterization

ESA Professional Wetland Scientist Margaret Clancy presented information from the Shoreline Inventory and Characterization Report, specifically existing uses and ecological conditions of Budd Inlet shorelines.

4.C Shoreline Environment Designations (uses)

Department of Ecology Shoreline Planner Chrissy Bailey presented information regarding shoreline environment designations – their purpose, what they are based on, and what the SMP must include for each designation. The Urban Intensity and Urban Conservancy designations were used as examples. Ms. Bailey also explained the “no net loss” requirement in the SMP update.

4.D Building Heights

CP&D Senior Planner Cari Hornbein showed pictures of buildings that would be nonconforming under staff and Planning Commission-proposed building heights.

4.E Setbacks

Ms. Hornbein explained the role of shoreline setbacks in the SMP update.

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4.F Sea Level Rise

Public Works Director Rich Hoey presented information on sea level rise and how it is addressed in the Draft SMP through a 30-foot setback.

4.G Vegetation Conservation (Buffers)

Ms. Clancy provided information regarding vegetation conservation, buffers, and shoreline restoration.

5. Community Conversations 11:10 a.m. to 11:55 a.m.

Mayor Buxbaum recessed the meeting at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened it at 10:50 a.m. From 10:50 to approximately 11:50, participants engaged in break out discussions about Olympia's shorelines.

6. Conclusion

At 11:55 a.m., the Mayor gave closing comments and adjourned the meeting at noon.

Next steps will include at least two Government to Government and Business to Community workshops on the proposed Shoreline Master Program.