



Meeting Minutes

Land Use & Environment Committee

City Hall
601 4th Avenue E
Olympia, WA 98501

Information: 360.753.8244

Thursday, March 3, 2016

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

1. ROLL CALL

Present: 3 - Chair Julie Hankins, Committee member Clark Gilman and Committee member Nathaniel Jones

OTHER PRESENT

City Manager Steve Hall
Community Planning and Development Director Keith Stahley
Deputy Director Leonard Bauer
Senior Planner Amy Buckler

2. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hankins called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Hankins proposed moving Item 4.B to their next meeting.

The agenda was approved as amended.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - None

The minutes from the January 28, 2016 meeting were unavailable. They will be available by the next meeting.

4. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- 4.A** [16-0283](#) General Scope and Timeline for Associated Downtown Strategy Development Code Updates and Upcoming Public Process for Viewshed Analysis

The scope for the Downtown Strategy (DTS) includes recommended updates to development standards, including a digital viewshed analysis. The general timeline and scope for these efforts were presented by Ms. Buckler.

Chair Hankins opened the meeting up for public comment. The following members of the public spoke:

Janine Gates presented several different photos of different viewpoints around the City. She would like the Committee to consider light pollution when discussing

viewsheds.

Judy Bardin is concerned with the public process in regards to viewshed. During the DTS public workshop she felt there was not enough time to focus on viewshed nor was the public given enough time to present their own viewsheds.

Bob Jacobs urged the Commission to start the public process on viewshed early and continue to keep the public involved throughout the entire process. He suggested reaching out to former Planning Commission members and other members of the community with expertise on viewshed.

Steve Langer spoke about State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) exemptions and ensuring developers are aware the City is not allowing them to cut corners.

Krag Unsoeld cautioned the City about using planned actions. He feels the public does not receive proper opportunity to speak when a project with a planned action changes.

Roger Horn attended the DTS meeting on March 2, 2016. Contamination was discussed at the meeting. He feels when talking about SEPA, contamination should not be forgotten.

Walt Jergensen is concerned about viewshed and sea level rise. He suggested new development be constructed outside of the potential sea level rise flood zone.

Debra Jaqua is concerned about barriers for existing and future structures being a solution to sea level rise and flooding.

The Committee recommended that Staff move forward with analysis of the proposed 5 views:

- Observation Point: State Capitol Campus Promontory
Landmark View: Budd Inlet
- Observation Point: Effect of 1063 Building
District: Capitol Heights District and view from City Hall at Cherry Street
- Observation Point: Madison Scenic Park
Landmark View: Capitol Dome, Black Hills
- Observation Point: Puget Sound Navigation Channel
Landmark View: Capitol Dome
- Observation Point: West Bay Park Lookout
Landmark View: Mt. Rainier

The discussion was completed.

- 4.B** [16-0237](#) PULLED by STAFF - Review of Pavement Restoration Fee and Implementation Process (Moved to March 17, 2016 Land Use & Environment Committee Agenda)

The recommendation was pulled by staff prior to the meeting, but will come

back to the Land Use & Environment Committee at the March 17, 2016 meeting.

4.C [16-0305](#) Status Reports and Updates

Mr. Stahley stated the next Land Use & Environment Committee meeting will be on March 17, 2016 and:

- The Review of Pavement Restoration Fee and Implementation Process will be discussed.
- Mr. Bauer will be giving an update on the Action Plan status.
- Ms. Kenneson will be giving an update on the Parking Strategy.

The report was received.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.