



# City of Olympia

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## Meeting Minutes Planning Commission

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**Monday, February 10, 2014**

**6:30 PM**

**Room 207**

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

#### 1.A ROLL CALL

**Present:** 8 - Commissioner Jessica Bateman, Commissioner Darrell Hoppe, Commissioner Roger Horn, Commissioner Missy Watts, Chair Max Brown, Commissioner Jerome Parker, Vice Chair Kim Andresen, and Commissioner Judy Bardin

**Excused:** 1 - Commissioner Carole Richmond

#### OTHERS PRESENT

Community Planning and Development (CP&D) Senior Planner Cari Hornbein and Associate Planners Amy Buckler and Stacey Ray.

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Brown moved to move the approval of the minutes to the end of the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

**The agenda was adopted as amended with approval of the minutes moved to the end of the meeting.**

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

### 4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

CP&D Deputy Director Leonard Bauer introduced the new Associate Planner Michelle Sadlier.

The High Density Corridor (HDC) set back and step back item was heard at the City Council meeting and put on the consent calendar.

### 5. INFORMATION REQUESTS

Request for a "walk through" at a future meeting of the code regulations pertaining to Title 18.

Question about the Capital Way grant for "Greening America's Capitals". The grant

has been awarded and will be a cross-departmental project although not on the 3 year timeline. Ms. Ray outlined the departmental plan and resource allotment.

Ms. Hornbein discussed the Martin Way District Challenge Grant funded by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Ms. Buckler detailed the scope of the grant area and its relationship to nodes in the HDC.

## 6. BUSINESS ITEMS

### [14-0118](#) Briefing and Public Hearing on Multi-Family Transitions Development Code Amendment

Ms. Buckler gave a briefing on the proposed municipal development code change relating to multifamily transitions. She discussed how the proposed change would be consistent with the proposed Land Use Policy PL16.12 in the Comprehensive Plan (CP). Written comment was extended until February 17 at 5:00 p.m.

Public comment:

Nellie Vog of 3107 Lindell Road NE spoke about her concern regarding the ingress/egress required if development takes place on the property owned by St. Peter's Hospital. Her property abets that area and she believes that an egress would severely affect her property, the wetland, and the semi-rural character of the neighborhood. She stressed the importance of keeping her and her neighbors informed of proposed development in the area.

Hubert Salazar of 3045 Lindell Road NE spoke in support of area development and the proposed code amendment.

**The public hearing was held and closed with an extended written comment deadline of February 17, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.**

### [14-0119](#) Briefing and Public Hearing: Scenic Views from Public Streets

Ms. Ray outlined the proposed changes that would narrow the requirement to preserve scenic views from public streets as currently shown on "Scenic Vista's overlay zoning maps", to those listed in the Comprehensive Plan Update.

Public comment:

Bob Jacobs of 720 Governor Stevens Avenue SE urged the Commission to reject this change which he believes reduces scenic protection on a piecemeal basis. He stressed the importance of these view protections for the City and removing them without public process is fundamentally wrong and undermines public trust.

Walt Jorgensen of 823 North Street SE spoke against any change to protected views before the public has had opportunity to provide input. He suggested the Commission determine what kind of a view plan would be required for the entire Budd Inlet Valley

to protect views, and allow desired development. He mentioned that the map was small and hard to read and wondered how the Commission could make a decision on views with this type of map. He expressed appreciation for the extension of the written comment deadline.

**The public hearing was held and closed with an extended written comment deadline of February 17, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.**

[14-0139](#) Recommendation on 2014 Planning Commission Work Plan

Commissioners discussed the Work plan and the integration of climate change information and action. Ms. Buckler reviewed the Leadership Team discussion about an action plan for City Council and the creation of an ad hoc committee to study and make recommendations on this issue.

**The recommendation was approved as amended.**

## 7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[14-0122](#) Approval of January 13, 2014 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

**The minutes were approved as amended.**

[14-0123](#) Approval of January 27, 2014 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

**The minutes were approved as amended.**

## 8. REPORTS

Leadership Team:

Chair Brown announced the team is in the process of setting a regular meeting time. He extended an invitation for a fourth member to attend. He will meet this week with Councilmember Roe to discuss Council's interests.

Community Renewal Area Citizens Advisory Committee:

Chair Brown reported that the CRA CAC will meet on March 6, 2014, and will participate in a design charrette in April. (Staff will send details.)

Utilities Advisory Committee (UAC):

Vice Chair Andresen attended the meeting at which the Work Plan and the LOTT Groundwater Scientific Study Recharge Update were covered. She shared print material that was distributed at the UAC meeting.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee:

Commissioner Horn shared the meeting had been rescheduled for February 12, 2014. Commissioner Parker will attend.

Finance Subcommittee:

Commissioner Horn discussed the upcoming subcommittee leadership team meeting

that will include the City Manager, the Director of Administrative Services, and the Chair of the Finance Committee.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:49 p.m.