



Planning Commission

Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment to the Land Use and Urban Design Chapter to address Design Review - Deliberations and Recommendation

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Recommended Action

Move to approve and submit a letter to Council regarding the proposed text amendment to the Land Use and Urban Design chapter of the Comprehensive Plan.

Report

Issue:

Whether to deliberate and offer a recommendation to Council on the proposed text amendment to the Land Use and Urban Design chapter of the Comprehensive Plan.

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Background and Analysis:

The City of Olympia's Comprehensive Plan was adopted in December of 2014. The comprehensive plan addresses urban design issues. The City has not revised or updated its design review process or criteria since the Comprehensive Plan was adopted. The proposed amendment would require the city to periodically update its Design Review process and criteria, so it is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

There was a significant amount of community interest and participation in the development of the Comprehensive Plan. There have not been any comments on this particular proposal, most likely because it would result in the City's design review process and criteria being even more consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

Options:

1. Recommend that City Council adopt the proposed text amendments as proposed.
2. Recommend that City Council adopt the proposed text amendments as modified by the Planning Commission.
3. Recommend that the comprehensive plan not be amended.

Financial Impact:

Staff support and expenses for processing this proposal are included in the Community Planning and Development Department's 2016 budget. The work to analysis and update the City's design review criteria and process will require additional resources, as part of the Department's budget in the future.

Attachments:

Application Packet