



PLANNING COMMISSION HYBRID MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:01 PM, Chair Murphy opened the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Chair Michael Murphy, Vice Chair Adam Ragheb and Commissioners Angela Battazzo, Carolyn Boatsman, Chris Goelz, and Victor Raisys were present remotely.

Commissioner Kate Akyuz' request for an excused absence was acknowledged.

Staff Remote Participation:

Alison Van Gorp, Deputy Director

Adam Zack, Senior Planner

Deborah Estrada, Deputy City Clerk

APPEARANCES

Will Orndorff addressed the Commission and regarding the Mercer Island Country Club Docket Application that the Planning Commission will consider next month.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes for September 27, 2023:

A motion was made by Raisys; seconded by Boatsman to:

Approve the September 27, 2023, minutes.

Approved 6-0

2. Comprehensive Plan Update - Economic Development Element (Third Draft)

Adam Zack, Senior Planner, introduced the fourth draft.

A motion was made by Boatsman; seconded by Goelz to:

Adopt the Table 1 amendments except for Goal 7, Policy 7.6, and Policy 12.4

Approved 6-0

A motion was made by Battazzo; seconded by Raisys to:

Reject the changes to Goal No. 7

Approved 4-2

A motion was made by Ragheb; seconded by Raisys to:

Strike Policy No. 7.6

Approved 6-0

A motion was made by Battazzo; seconded by Raisys to:

Accept edits to 7.1.F

Approved 4-2

A motion was made by Goelz; seconded by Battazzo to:
Reject the proposed amendments to Policy No. 7.3.
Approved 5-1

A motion was made by Ragheb; seconded by Raisys to:
Remove “dedicated” from Policy No. 7.3.
Approved 6-0

A motion was made by Boatsman; seconded by Goelz to:
Adopt Policy No. 7.7.
Approved 4-2

A motion was made by Boatsman; seconded by Goelz to:
Delete Policy No. 10.5
Approved 6-0

A motion was made by Goelz; seconded by Boatsman to:
Strike Policy No. 10.1
Approved 6-0

A motion was made by Battazzo; seconded by Ragheb to:
Reject from Policy No. 12.4, “through a combination of regulations and incentives like parking credits”
Approved 6-0

A motion was made by Boatsman; seconded by Goelz to:
Exclude from Policy No. 12.4, “Interpretation of the policies in this element should not lead to a reduction in parking.”
Failed 3-3

A motion was made by Battazzo; seconded by Boatsman to:
Accept Staff Proposed Alternative to Policy No. 12.5
Approved 6-0

A motion was made by Boatsman; seconded by Battazzo to:
Adopt phrase 4.2.D, “Be guided by relevant strategies in the Climate Action Plan to reduce the potential negative effects of climate change on doing business in the City and to attract businesses, workers and customers in a warming climate.”
Approved 6-0

A motion was made by Battazzo; seconded by Boatsman to:
Strike new Policy No. 4.2,
Approved 5-1

A motion was made by Boatsman; seconded by Goelz to:
Adopt New Policy No. 4.3.A
Failed 4-2

A motion was made by Boatsman; seconded by Ragheb to:
Adopt New Policy No. 4.3.B, "Develop a strategy to maintain tree canopy in Town Center that is compatible with redevelopment and infill development."
Failed 3-3

Parking Lot Discussion:

A motion was made by Battazzo; seconded by Raisys to:
Strike both versions of Policy Nos. 6.3 and 6.6
Approved 4-2

A motion was made by Boatsman; seconded by Goelz to:
Add Policy No. 6.6 stating, "Coordinate with the Housing Element to increase opportunities for employees to live and work in the community."
Approved 4-2

A motion was made by Ragheb; seconded by Battazzo to:
Strike Policy No. 6.4
Approved 4-2

A motion was made by Raisys; seconded by Boatsman to:
Strike Policy No. 6.5
Approved 6-0

The Planning Commission completed its review of the Economic Development Element. Staff will incorporate all the changes and send it for final review to the Planning Commission.

OTHER BUSINESS

3. Deputy Director's Report

Deputy Director Alison Van Gorp discussed the following:

- Upcoming meeting – November 15 Special Meeting on the Annual Docket
- Annual Docket process development.

4. Planned Absences for Future Meetings - None

ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm

Deborah Estrada, MMC, Deputy City Clerk