



PLANNING COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Thompson at 6:00 pm.

Chair Dan Thompson, Vice Chair JB Gibson, and Planning Commissioners Kate Akyuz, Nazim Nice and Anthony Perez were present.

Staff Participation:

Alison Van Gorp, Deputy CPD Director
Molly McGuire, Senior Planner
Raven Gillis, Recreation Specialist

Adam Zack, Principal Planner
Deb Estrada, Deputy City Clerk
Kim Adams Pratt, Contract Legal Counsel (Remote)

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Amy Lavin, Mercer Island resident and CEO of the Stroum Jewish Community Center, spoke in opposition to Docket Proposals 2, 3, 4, and potentially 5.

Jessica Clawson, Mercer Island resident and Attorney for Stroum Jewish Community Center, spoke in opposition to Docket Proposals 2, 3, 4, and 5.

2026 Annual Docket Project proponents that registered to speak addressed the Planning Commission.

Mathew Golbach spoke in support of his proposed amendments 2, 3, and 4.

Daniel Thompson spoke in support of his proposed amendments 5 through 9.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2025, Special Meeting:

A motion was made by Akyuz; seconded by Nice to:

Approve the minutes.

Motion Passed 5-0

2. PCB25-19: 2026 Annual Docket

Deputy Director Alison Van Gorp and Senior Planner Molly McGuire reviewed the following with Commissioners:

- Docketing Procedures and Criteria
- Staff and Commission Capacity
- Work Plan: Outstanding 2024 and 2025 Annual Docket Items
- Work Plan: Interim Regulations and Other Outstanding Items
- Decision Process

Commissioners discussed each proposal and took action as follows:

Motion by Perez; seconded by Gibson to

Not docket Amendment 25-1 for the final 2026 Docket.

Motion Passed 5-0

Motion by Akyuz; seconded by Perez to
Not docket Amendment 25-2 for the final 2026 Docket.
Motion Passed 4-1

Motion by Akyuz; seconded by Perez to
Not docket Amendment 25-3 for the final 2026 Docket.
Motion Passed 5-0

Motion by Akyuz; seconded by Perez to
Not docket Amendment 25-4 for the final 2026 Docket.
Motion Passed 4-1

Motion by Thompson; seconded by Gibson to
Docket Amendment 25-5 for the final 2026 Docket.
Motion Failed 4-1

Motion by Akyuz; seconded by Nice to
Not docket Amendment 25-6 for the final 2026 Docket.
Motion Passed 4-1

Motion by Nice; seconded by Akyuz to
Not docket Amendment 25-7 for the final 2026 Docket.
Motion Passed 4-1

Motion by Gibson; seconded by Nice to
Docket Amendment 25-8 for the final 2026 Docket.
Motion Failed 3-2

Motion by Akyuz; seconded by Nice to
Not docket Amendment 25-9 for the final 2026 Docket.
Motion Passed 4-1

Motion by Perez; seconded by Gibson to:
Authorize staff to prepare a recommendation to the City Council on the docket proposals to include in the final docket.
Motion Passed 5-0

OTHER BUSINESS

3. Staff Report

CPD Deputy Director, Alison Van Gorp, requested that the Chair Thompson stay after the meeting to sign the recommendation to Council. She further noted that the only remaining meeting this year is a Special Meeting for November 19.

ADJOURNED - The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Deborah Estrada, Deputy City Clerk