



# **CITY OF MERCER ISLAND PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR VIDEO MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, July 28, 2021**

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

The Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Hubbell at 6:03pm from a remote location.

## **PRESENT**

Chair Daniel Hubbell  
Commissioner Carolyn Boatsman  
Commissioner Jordan Friedman  
Commissioner Tiffin Goodman  
Commissioner Michael Murphy  
Commissioner Victor Raisys  
Vice Chair Ted Weinberg  
All Commissioners participated in the meeting remotely.

## **ABSENT**

All commissioners were present.

## **STAFF PRESENT**

Alison Van Gorp, Deputy CPD Director and Andrea Larson, Sr. Administrative Assistant participated in the meeting remotely.

## **PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

There were no public appearances

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **Agenda Item #1 Public Hearing for ZTR19-003 Sign Code Update**

Chair Hubble opened the Public Hearing at 6:06pm

There were no public comments.

Chair Hubble closed the Public Hearing at 6:07pm.

## **REGULAR BUSINESS**

### **Agenda Item #2: Minutes**

Moved by Goodman; Seconded by Raisys to:

**Approve the June 16, 2021 minutes.**

Passed 7-0

### **Agenda Item #3: ZTR19-003 Sign Code Update**

Alison Van Gorp, CPD Deputy Director, gave a presentation to the Commission on ZTR19-003 – Sign Code Update. Daniel Kenny, Attorney, answered questions that the Commission had regarding the sign code.

The Commission discussed the process for reviewing the draft code amendment.

Moved by Murphy; seconded by Weinberg to:  
Approve ZTR19-003 – Sign Code Amendment.

Moved by Boatsman; Seconded by Goodman to:  
Remove the word or pedestrian from 19.06.020.A.3 on page 1 of the draft code.  
7-0

Moved by Goodman; Seconded by Boatsman to:  
Amend section 19.06.020.A.6 to indicate that temporary signs can be up to 9 square feet per sign face, and to add per sign face after 16 square feet.  
7-0

Moved by Raisys; Seconded by Murphy to:  
Remove section 19.06.020.A.11  
6-1-0

Moved by Raisys; Seconded by Weinberg to:  
Strike public or private medians, roundabouts, traffic circles from 19.06.020.A.9  
3-4

Moved by Weinberg; Seconded by Raisys to:  
Add greater than 3.5 feet in height and add a new sentence start before utility poles to state: Temporary signs are also prohibited on to 19.06.020.A.9  
2-4-1

The Commission took a break until 8:19pm.

Moved by Boatsman; Seconded by Friedman to:  
Add 19.06.020.A.13.e stating: The City may remove and dispose signs that fail to satisfy any of the requirements of 19.06.020.A.  
Strike the section from 19.06.020.A.13.b & strike The City may remove signs that are not in compliance from 19.06.020.C  
7-0

Moved by Boatsman; Seconded by Friedman to:  
Add definition to 19.06.020.B.2.a. stating: Real estate signs are those that advertise the sale, rental, or lease of property. Clarify b.ii to state: Real estate signs shall be removed within seven days after the sale or rental of the property being advertised. Add 19.06.020.B.2.b.iii add: “additional” to first sentence, delete sale, rent or lease, add “3 additional” to line 4.  
7-0

Moved by Boatsman; Seconded by Friedman to:  
To standardize the use of garage, yard and estate sales in 19.06.020.B.2.b. Strike garage sale and consistently use yard/ estate sales  
7-0

Moved by Raisys; Seconded by Friedman to:  
Strike 19.06.020.C.2.a  
7-0

Moved by Goodman; Seconded by boatsman to:  
Change item 19.11.140.2.b.i.c to “six square feet”  
7-0

Moved by Raisys; Seconded by boatsman to:  
Strike 19.11.140.2.f  
7-0

Moved by Goodman; Seconded by Friedman to:

Amend 19.11.140.8 to read "Replacement signs. When a sign is removed or replaced the visible wall or ground where the sign was located shall be repaired to the original condition" and again where it appears on page 14 (19.12.080.B.10) of the draft code.

6-0

Commissioner Friedman left at 9:28pm

Moved by Raisys; Seconded by Murphy to:

19.11.140.5 add "operation" to the first sentence

6-0

The Commission recommends to Include in recommendation to council that 19.11.140.12 was discussed by the Commission and they had no recommendation, but Council may want to consider if this section.

Moved by Murphy; Seconded by Boatsman to:

Change 19.12.080.B.1.b to read: "Sign lighting is allowed subject to the Town Center standards as set for in 19.11.140.B.10" and strike i & ii.

6-0

Moved by Goodman; Seconded by Murphy to:

Change 72 square inches to 1 square foot in 19.12.080.B.5

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**Main motion passed as amended 6-0**

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Deputy Director's Report**

Alison Van Gorp, CPD Deputy Director, gave a brief update on the Commission on the work plan for the Fall and Winter.

### **Planned Absences**

Commissioner Murphy will be absent September 22

### **Announcements & Communications**

Andrea Larson, Sr. Admin, gave a brief update to the Commission on the status of hybrid commission meetings.

**Next Scheduled Meeting:** September 22, 2021

## **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 10:32pm