



CITY OF MERCER ISLAND PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR VIDEO MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

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

Jeff Thomas, Interim CPD Director, Alison Van Gorp, Deputy CPD Director, Andrea Larson, Sr. Administrative Assistant, and Sarah Bluvas, Economic Development Coordinator participated in the meeting remotely.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Matt Goldbach, 9980 SE 40th St, he spoke to the parcel by parcel analysis that was discussed in the last Planning Commission meeting and asked when the public will be given access to that analysis.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Agenda Item #1: Minutes

Moved by Raisys; Seconded by Weinberg to:

Approve the September 22, 2021 minutes.

Passed 6-0-1, Commissioner Murphy abstained.

Agenda Item #2: 2021 Code of Ethics Training

Eileen Keiffer, Madrona Law, gave a Code of Ethics training to the Commission. Parks & Recreation Commissioners Rory Westberg and Paul Burstein, Design Commissioner Colin Brandt and Utility Board member George Marshall were also in attendance to receive the Code of Ethics training.

The Commissioners and Board Member received the training.

The Parks & Recreation Commissioners, Design Commissioner and Utility Board member left the meeting at 7:04pm. The Commission took a break until 7:10pm.

Agenda Item #3: ZTR21-004 – Town Center Retail Requirements

Commissioner Raisys disclosed that he sought an advisory opinion from the City’s Ethic’s officer. He stated that the Ethic’s office issued an opinion that it would not be a conflict for Commissioner Raisys to participate in the Town Center retail requirements discussion. Commissioner Raisys also submitted a copy of the advisory opinion into the record.

Jeff Thomas, Interim Deputy Director, and Sarah Bluvas, Economic Development Coordinator, gave a presentation to the Commission on ZTR21-004 – Town Center Retail Requirements.

The Commission discussed the proposed amendments and asked questions of staff.

The Commission discussed the 4 recommended actions and how to proceed on this proposed amendment.

OTHER BUSINESS

Deputy Director's Report

Alison Van Gorp, CPD Deputy Director, gave a brief update on the Commission on staffing, on the Sign Code that was adopted by City Council on October 19, and the schedule for the next few meetings.

Planned Absences

Commissioner Goodman will be absent on November 3

Commissioner Friedman will be absent on October 27

Announcements & Communications

There were no announcements & communications.

Next Scheduled Meeting: October 27, 2021

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 pm