



# PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

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## CALL TO ORDER

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

Chair Battazzo, Vice Chair Michael Murphy, and Commissioner Adam Ragheb were present remotely.

Commissioners Akyuz and Raisys were absent.

## Staff Remote Participation:

Alison Van Gorp, Deputy CPD Director

Molly McGuire, Senior Planner

Raven Gillis, Recreation Specialist (Acting Deputy Clerk)

Andrea Larson, City Clerk

## APPEARANCES.

- Brad Bales, Yangeng Sun, and John Darvish of Mercer Island, addressed the Commission regarding the impact of neighboring trees on private residences.
- John Hall, Mercer Island, addressed the Commission regarding the 2025 Annual Docket proposed amendment 5.
- Daniel Thompson, Mercer Island, addressed the Commission regarding the Comprehensive Plan.

## REGULAR BUSINESS

### 1. Planning Commission meeting minutes of the September 25 Regular Meeting

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

**Approve the minutes.**

Approved: 3 – 0

### 2. PCB 24-118: 2025 Annual Docket – Review Proposed Amendments 1 - 15

A. Presentations from Proposal Proponents (3 minutes per proposal)

- Jessie Clawson, Proposed Amendment 1
- Matthew Goldbach, Proposed Amendments 3 – 6
- Jeff Haley, Proposed Amendment 8
- Adam Ragheb, Proposed Amendment 9
- Daniel P. Thompson, Proposed Amendments 10-14
- Joe White, Proposed Amendment 15

B. Presentation from City Staff (3 minutes per proposal)

- Deputy Director Alison Van Gorp and Senior Planner Molly McGuire presented.

C. Planning Commission Deliberations

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

**Not Docket Amendment Nos. 2 and 7 for the final 2025 Docket.**

Approved 3 – 0

A motion was made by Ragheb; seconded by Murphy to:  
**Accept Amendment No. 1 for the final 2025 Docket.**  
Approved 3 – 0

A motion was made Ragheb; seconded by Battazzo to:  
**Accept Amendment No. 3 for the final 2025 Docket.**  
Failed 1 – 2

A motion was made by Ragheb; seconded by Battazzo to:  
**Accept Amendment No. 4 for the final 2025 Docket.**  
Failed 0 – 3

A motion was made by Battazzo; seconded by Ragheb to:  
**Not Docket Amendment No. 5 for the final 2025 Docket.**  
Approved 2 – 1

A motion was made by Battazzo; seconded by Ragheb to:  
**Accept Amendment No. 6 for the final 2025 Docket.**  
Failed 0 – 2 – 1

A motion was made by Battazzo; seconded by Murphy to:  
**Accept Amendment No. 8 for the final 2025 Docket.**  
Approved 3 – 0

A motion was made by Ragheb; seconded by Battazzo to:  
**Accept Amendment No. 9 for the final 2025 Docket.**  
Failed 1 – 2

A motion was made by Battazzo; seconded by Ragheb to:  
**Accept Amendment No. 10 for the final 2025 Docket.**  
Failed 1 – 2

A motion was made by Battazzo; seconded by Ragheb to:  
**Not Docket Amendment No. 11 for the final 2025 Docket.**  
Approved 2 – 1

A motion was made by Battazzo; seconded by Murphy to:  
**Not Docket Amendment No. 12 for the final 2025 Docket.**  
Approved 3 – 0

A motion was made by Battazzo; seconded by Ragheb to:  
**Accept Amendment No. 13 for the final 2025 Docket.**  
Failed 1 – 2

A motion was made by Ragheb; seconded by Battazzo to:  
**Accept Amendment No. 14 for the final 2025 Docket.**  
Failed 1 – 2

A motion was made by Battazzo; seconded by Murphy to:  
**Accept Amendment No. 15 and for Staff to combine it with Amendment No. 8 for the final 2025 Docket.**  
Approved 3 – 0

The Planning Commission requested that staff prepare a recommendation for Docket Proposal Nos. 1, 8, and 15 for City Council consideration.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- 3. Deputy Director’s Report** – Deputy CPD Director Van Gorp provided a brief update and addressed the following:
- November 19 – City Council scheduled to approve Final Docket
  - November and December Planning Commissions will likely be canceled as staff focus on completing the adoption of the periodic update to the Comprehensive Plan and related code amendments with the City Council.
  - New Planning Commissioner to be appointed by City Council on November 4 with service beginning in January 2025
  - 2025 Work Plan to be determined based on final docket.

**ADJOURNED** - The meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm

*Raven Gillis*

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Raven Gillis, Acting Deputy City Clerk