



CITY OF MERCER ISLAND PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR VIDEO MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 27th, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Hubbell at 6:05 pm from a remote location.

PRESENT

Chair Daniel Hubbell, Vice Chair Michael Murphy, Commissioners Carolyn Boatsman, Jordan Friedman, Victor Raisys, Tiffin Goodman and Kate Akyuz were present.

All Commissioners participated in the meeting remotely using Zoom.

ABSENT

none

STAFF PRESENT

Alison Van Gorp, Deputy CPD Director, Adam Zack, Senior Planner, and Ross Freeman, Sustainability Program Analyst, participated in the meeting remotely.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

There were no public appearances

PUBLIC HEARING

Agenda Item #1: ZTR21-003 – State Mandated Code Amendments

There were no speakers on this item

The public hearing was opened at 6:07pm and closed at 6:08pm

Agenda Item #2: ZTR21-007 and ZTR21-008 – Transportation and Park Impact Fee Updates

There were no speakers on this item

The public hearing was opened at 6:09pm and closed at 6:10pm

REGULAR BUSINESS

Agenda Item #1: Review and Approval of the March 23, 2022 Planning Commission Regular Video Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Friedman; seconded by Murphy to approve the minutes.

Commissioner Raisys proposed a correction to the minutes related to the change he proposed to the Feb minutes – striking words from Feb minutes – instead amended to use her language “trustee of Olsen family trust” and then strike (5 min 30 seconds).

Approved as amended

⇒ Passed: 6-0

Agenda Item #2: Update on the Climate Action Plan

Ross Freeman, Sustainability Program Analyst provided a brief presentation.

The Commission asked questions of Staff.

Commissioner Akyuz joined the meeting at 6:30 pm

Agenda Item #3: ZTR21-003 – State Mandated Code Amendments

Adam Zack, Senior Planner, gave a brief presentation on ZTR21-004 State Mandated Code Amendments

The Commission reviewed the proposed amendment and asked questions of Staff.

The Commission deliberated on the proposed amendments.

It was moved by Boatsman and seconded by Goodman to **approve the draft code amendment.**

Motion by Akyuz to amend the motion by striking the additive language in B1 “spouse, child... etc” under Owner Occupancy. Seconded by Murphy.

⇒ Passed: 6-1

Main motion to approve the draft code amendment as amended.

⇒ Passed: 6-1

The Commission also flagged the issue of inconsistency around the use of the term family in the definition and in the owner occupancy clause – Council should evaluate the potential policy implications from relaxing the owner occupancy requirement.

Agenda Item #4: ZTR21-007 and ZTR21-008 – Transportation and Park Impact Fee Updates

Alison van Gorp and Kendra Breiland, consultant from Fehr and Peers, gave a brief presentation on ZTR21-007 Transportation Impact Fee Updates.

Jason Hennessy, consultant from Berk Consulting, gave a brief presentation on ZTR21-008 Park Impact Fee Updates.

The Commission reviewed the proposed amendment and asked questions of the consultants and Staff.

The Commission deliberated on the proposed amendments.

It was moved by Boatsman and seconded by Goodman to:

Approve the draft code amendment.

⇒ Passed: 7-0

The Chair called a recess at 7:49. The meeting reconvened at 8:00pm.

Agenda Item #5: Comprehensive Plan Update and Project Kickoff

Adam Zack, Senior Planner, gave a brief presentation on the Comprehensive Plan schedule and work plan for the coming months. He also asked the commission to designate two members for the Housing Work Group and two members for the Economic Development Work Group.

The Commission asked questions of Staff.

The Commission selected Boatsman and Akyuz for the Housing Work Group

The Commission selected Murphy and Raisys for the Economic Development Work Group.

OTHER BUSINESS

Deputy Director's Report

Alison Van Gorp, Deputy Director reminded the commission of the current recruitment for board and commission members and encouraged those interested to apply. She also reminded the commission to respond with their Q1 volunteer hours. She updated the Commission on upcoming items on the City Council calendar. Finally, she asked the commission to provide feedback on the date of the special meeting for discussion of the Climate Action Plan and the commissioners indicated that June 1 at 6:00pm was an agreeable date and time.

Planned Absences for Future Meetings

There were no planned absences

Announcements & Communications

There were no announcements & communications

Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is May 25, 2022

ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm