



# PLANNING COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 29, 2024

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## CALL TO ORDER

The Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Murphy at 6:04 pm.

Chair Michael Murphy, Vice Chair Adam Ragheb, and Commissioners Kate Akyuz, Angela Battazzo, Carolyn Boatsman, Chris Goelz, and Victor Raisys, were present remotely.

## Staff Remote Participation:

Alison Van Gorp, Deputy CPD Director, Adam Zack, Senior Planner, and Deb Estrada, Deputy City Clerk

Chair Murphy, Commissioners, and staff thanked Commissioners Boatsman and Goelz for their work on the Planning Commission.

**APPEARANCES.** There were no public appearances.

## SPECIAL BUSINESS

### 1. PCB 24-13: Comprehensive Plan Periodic Review – Public Hearing

The public hearing was opened at 6:14 PM

- Matt Goldbach, Mercer Island, spoke in opposition to moving forward without more resident involvement.
- Lucille Zehr, Mercer Island, expressed concern that there wasn't more resident input prior to making a decision.
- Senator Lisa Wellman, Mercer Island, expressed concern that the Planning Commissioners were not present in person to discuss the Comprehensive Plan.

There being no further comments, the public hearing was closed at 6:33 PM

The Commission requested the following information:

- Public Comment Tracking
- Scope of Work
- Housing Element Minimum Requirements

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

**Close the policy gaps and resolve the internal consistency topics as recommended by staff in PCB24-13 Table 1 as presented.**

A motion was made by Boatsman; seconded by Ragheb to

**Amend Policy Gap 4 to read, "Reduce impact to people and areas that have been disproportionately affected by noise, light, air pollution, or other environmental impacts."**

Approved: 6-1

Main motion approved: 5-2

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

**Amend Transportation Element Goal 12 to read as follows:**

**Promote bicycle and pedestrian networks that safely access and link commercial areas, residential areas, schools, and parks, and transit, within the City.**

Approved: 7-0

A motion was made by Boatsman; seconded by Goelz to:

**Amend Land Use Element, text on page 5 to read as follows:**

**Beginning in 2022, the City began composing a Climate Action Plan. The Climate Action Plan establishes strategies for the City to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled to meet its adopted greenhouse gas reduction goals address climate change. Those strategies are an important step to move the City forward in its response to the changing climate. Where needed, goals and policies were amended or added to this Land Use Element to support the strategies in the Climate Action Plan, including amendments to the policies under goals 26, 27, and 28.**

Approved: 5-2

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

**Amend Housing Element Policy 1.4.M to read as follows:**

**Neighborhoods in which environmental health hazards, including noise and light pollution, are minimized to the extent possible.**

Approved: 6-1

A motion was made by Raisys; seconded by Boatsman to:

**Adopt the staff recommended findings in PCB24-13 Table 2 as a working document.**

Approved: 4-3

**2. PCB 24-12: Comprehensive Plan Periodic Review – Open House Summary and Consistency Review**

The report was received, no action necessary.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**3. Deputy Director’s Report – No report provided.**

**4. Planned Absences for Future Meetings.**

**ADJOURNED** - The meeting adjourned at 9:14 pm

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Deborah Estrada, Deputy City Clerk