

City of Burien

BURIEN PLANNING COMMISSION
February 8, 2011
7:00 p.m.
Multipurpose Room/Council Chambers
MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jim Clingan called the February 8, 2011, meeting of the Burien Planning Commission to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jim Clingan, chair; Greg Duff, Ray Helms, Rachel Pizarro, John Upthegrove

Absent: Nancy Tosta

Administrative staff present: Scott Greenberg, Community Development Department director; David Johanson, senior planner; Rocky Piro, Puget Sound Regional Council

AGENDA CONFIRMATION

Direction/Action

Motion was made by Commissioner Upthegrove, seconded by Commissioner Pizarro, and passed unanimously to approve the agenda for the February 8, 2011, meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Direction/Action

Commissioner Pizarro asked that the spelling of her name be corrected under the heading "Roll Call" in the November 9, 2010, minutes. **Motion** was made by Chair Clingan, seconded by Commissioner Helms, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes as corrected.

Commissioner Pizarro asked that the spelling of her name be corrected under the heading "Roll Call" in the November 16, 2010, minutes. **Motion** was made by Chair Clingan, seconded by Commissioner Duff, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes as corrected.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Robbie Howell, 15240 20th Ave SW

Ms. Howell presented the commissioners with a letter and asked that it be included in the file of last year's proposed Comprehensive Plan amendment 2010-2.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Scott Greenberg summarized the Planning Commission’s work program for 2011, which includes a first phase of a state-mandated major review and update of the city’s Comprehensive Plan. He then gave a brief explanation of the Growth Management Act; the City must comply with its 14 goals. Commissioner Helms asked questions about corridor plans and what constitutes a corridor. Commissioner Upthegrove asked if a member of the Planning Commission can suggest changes to the Comprehensive Plan and whether the member would have to go through the usual process including paying the required fee. He suggested waiving the fee for citizens to suggest changes to the Comprehensive Plan during the update period.

David Johanson gave a brief update of the status of the proposed Shoreline Master Program.

Rocky Piro, FAICP, program manager with the Puget Sound Regional Council, then gave the commissioners a presentation on local and regional planning, explaining the state planning goals, the role of the Puget Sound Regional Council and the Vision 2040 long-range regional strategy. He noted that the Vision 2040 document is available on the Puget Sound Regional Council website; there also is a series of 12 one-page summaries of key policy concepts available that are easier to read through than the entire document.

Direction/Action

Staff will provide the commissioners with three checklists – from the state, a list of changes to the Growth Management Act over the past 8 years; from PSRC, that it uses for its review of cities’ comprehensive plans; and from the Countywide Planning Policies. The commissioners will assist staff in completing the checklists by reviewing the City’s current Comprehensive Plan.

PLANNING COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Pizarro said she will be out of town Feb. 25 through March 12, so she will miss the March 8 meeting.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Mr. Greenberg reported that the City has hired a new planner, Art Pederson. Mr. Johanson is now concentrating on long-range planning; Chip Davis was promoted to senior planner focusing on current planning. Mr. Pederson is filling Mr. Davis’ former position.

ADJOURNMENT

Direction/Action

MOTION to adjourn was made by Commissioner Helms. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

APPROVED: _____

Jim Clingan, chair
Planning Commission