

City of Burien

BURIEN PLANNING COMMISSION
September 13, 2011
7:00 p.m.
Multipurpose Room/Council Chambers
MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jim Clingan called the September 13, 2011, meeting of the Burien Planning Commission to order at 7 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jim Clingan, Greg Duff, Ray Helms, Brooks Stanfield

Absent: Rachel Pizarro, Nancy Tosta, John Upthegrove

Administrative staff present: Scott Greenberg, Community Development director; David Johanson, senior planner; Chip Davis, senior planner

AGENDA CONFIRMATION

Direction/Action

Motion was made by Commissioner Helms, seconded by Commissioner Duff, and passed 4-0 to approve the agenda for the September 13, 2011, meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Direction/Action

Motion was made by Commissioner Stanfield, seconded by Commissioner Helms, and passed 4-0 to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2011, meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation and Discussion on Transportation Master Plan Policies

Scott Greenberg, Community Development director, introduced Don Samdahl from Fehr and Peers, the City's lead consultant for the Transportation Master Plan (TMP). Mr. Samdahl briefed the commissioners on what's been done to date on the TMP and introduced them to a couple of new concepts related to the TMP that aren't in the current plan: layered networks, a series of layers of different modes serving autos, pedestrians, bicycles, transit, and trucks; and multi-modal levels of service, a rating system used to evaluate various transportation modes and impacts.

Commissioners asked a number of questions about bicycle safety on Burien streets, how much influence the City has in gaining transit services, and available grant funding.

Direction/Action

None.

Report and Discussion on North Burien Land Use Open House

David Johanson gave the commissioners a brief summary of the North Burien Land Use Open House on August 16. He directed their attention to the written summary of comments received at the open house that was included in their meeting packet. There was some discussion about the patchwork of zoning in some parts of North Burien; commissioners commented that there appears to be a difference of opinion on some land use topics.

Direction/Action

Staff will prepare a series of North Burien land use alternatives for the commissioners to discuss at their next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Greenberg suggested that the commissioners delay voting to reformat the Comprehensive Plan until Commissioner Tosta returns to the commission, as she has provided commissioners with a format for consideration that is an alternative to the format suggested by staff. He said he sent staff's suggested format to Puget Sound Regional Council staff and they indicated they really like the reformatting of the Comprehensive Plan around the City's vision. There was discussion about where the existing policies are fitted into chapters in the reformatted Table of Contents.

Direction/Action

None.

FUNCTIONAL PLANNING UPDATES

None.

PLANNING COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Greenberg reported that Burien is one of the first two jurisdictions in the area to go live with submitting plans through MyBuildingPermit.com. Right now it is a soft launch, with only particular types of plans being accepted, but eventually the City will be able to accept all types of plans electronically and will review them electronically, saving time and money for applicants and the City.

ADJOURNMENT

Direction/Action

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

APPROVED: _____

Jim Clingan, chair
Planning Commission