

*City of Burien*

BURIEN PLANNING COMMISSION  
October 25, 2011  
7:00 p.m.  
Multipurpose Room/Council Chambers  
MINUTES

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Jim Clingan called the October 25, 2011, meeting of the Burien Planning Commission to order at 7 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Jim Clingan, Ray Helms, Rachel Pizarro, Brooks Stanfield, Nancy Tosta, John Upthegrove

Absent: Greg Duff

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

**AGENDA CONFIRMATION**

**Direction/Action**

**Motion** was made by Commissioner Pizarro, seconded by Commissioner Tosta, to modify the agenda by adding the continuation of the Group Health proposed Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code amendment hearing. Motion passed 6-0 to approve the agenda for the October 25, 2011, meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Direction/Action**

**Motion** was made by Commissioner Helms, seconded by Commissioner Pizarro, and passed 6-0 to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2011, meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

*Comprehensive Plan Transportation and Public Health Policies*

Chair Clingan opened the hearing at 7:06 p.m. The following people testified:

**Chestine Edgar, 1811 SW 152<sup>nd</sup> St., Burien**

Ms. Edgar stated she is a member of the Transportation Master Program advisory committee and does not recall reviewing all of the changes included in the proposed Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element language included in the meeting packet. She read comments on the proposed transportation and public health policies before submitting them into the record in written form.

**Carol Jacobson, 3324 SW 172<sup>nd</sup> St., Burien**

Ms. Jacobson said Southwest 172<sup>nd</sup> Street and Maplewild Avenue Southwest are incorrectly classified as collector arterials and she wants the designations changed to subcollector. She wants to see the draft Transportation Improvement Program to see if changes approved by the City Council last year are reflected in the current document.

Chair Clingan closed the hearing at 7:15 p.m.

*PLA 11-0883 Group Health Comprehensive Plan, Zoning map and Zoning Code amendments*

Chair Clingan resumed the October 11<sup>th</sup> hearing at 7:16 p.m. The following person testified:

**Chestine Edgar, 1811 SW 152<sup>nd</sup> St., Burien**

Mrs. Edgar said that if people providing testimony in a hearing are required to swear an oath before testifying, City staff should be required to as well. She stated that the Lake Burien neighborhood opposes the Group Health application because the neighborhood does not believe the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendment meets all of the criteria for approval nor does it qualify for a rezone. She requested the commissioners therefore recommend denial of Group Health's requests.

Art Pederson introduced written testimony from the **Burien 146 Condominiums, 212 SW 146<sup>th</sup> St.**, stating that they are satisfied with responses received to the concerns they voiced at the October 11<sup>th</sup> hearing.

Chair Clingan closed the hearing at 7:21p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Tosta asked that John Upthegrove be appointed as a Planning Commission representative to the committee of shoreline property owners and others being proposed to negotiate with the state Department of Ecology to resolve disputed issues in the Shoreline Master Program.

**OLD BUSINESS**

*Discussion and Possible Recommendation on PLA 11-0883 Group Health Comprehensive Plan map amendment, zoning map amendment and Zoning Code amendment*

**Direction/Action**

Motion to recommend to the City Council approval of the Comprehensive Plan map amendment request from high density multi-family neighborhood to office and zoning map amendment from RM to Office and adopt the findings and conclusions as presented in the staff report was made by Commissioner Stanfield, seconded by Commissioner Pizarro, and passed 6-0.

Motion to recommend to the City Council approval of the Zoning Code amendment to add a new subsection to BMC 19.15.045.1, Special Regulations, and adopt the findings and conclusions as presented in the staff report was made by Commissioner Stanfield, seconded by Commissioner Pizarro, and passed 6-0.

*Draft Comprehensive Plan Communities Putting Prevention to Work, Healthy Eating Active Living language*

Commissioner Tosta requested that Goal ED X.X be amended to read: "Create an environment that will strengthen the health of employees and the economic vitality of businesses within the City of Burien."

**Direction/Action**

Motion to recommend to the City Council approval of the Comprehensive Plan Communities Putting Prevention to Work, Healthy Eating Active Living language as amended was made by Commissioner Helms, seconded by Commissioner Tosta, and passed 6-0.

*Draft Comprehensive Plan Transportation Policies*

**Direction/Action**

Commissioner Tosta volunteered to go through the 16 pages of proposed Comprehensive Plan language and mark which items she identifies as goals, which are policies and which are objectives in preparation for a vote on the proposed policies at the November 8<sup>th</sup> commission meeting.

*Discussion of North Burien Zoning*

**Direction/Action**

The commission will focus on determining a preferred alternative for the First Avenue corridor, 128<sup>th</sup> Street to 116<sup>th</sup> Street, at the November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**FUNCTIONAL PLANNING UPDATES**

None.

**PLANNING COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Helms reminded commissioners about Boo in Burien on the following weekend.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Direction/Action**

Commissioner Stanfield moved for adjournment; the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Jim Clingan, chair  
Planning Commission