

City of Lake Forest Park - Planning Commission
Regular Meeting Notes: January 6, 2015
17425 Ballinger Way NE—EOC Room

Planning Commissioners present: Chair Ray Holmdahl; Vice-chair Jon Lebo; Semra Riddle; Richard Saunders; Jean Maixner; Joel Paisner; Rocky Oliver; and Doug Gochanour

Staff and others present: Steve Bennett, Planning Director; Deborah Munkberg, Studio 3MW; Jean Thomas, Environmental Quality Commissioner

Planning Commissioners absent: Connie Holloway

Call to order: 7:00 PM

Approval of Meeting Agenda: Mr. Bennett reported that the presentation of the Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) was cancelled since it had been decided to take the plan directly to Council for the public process. Cmr. Gochanour moved to approve the amended agenda. The motion was seconded by Vice-chair Lebo and approved unanimously.

Public Comment:

Jean Thomas commented on the HMP, saying it did not adequately address earthquake preparedness. She also mentioned that coordination with King County Metro should be an emphasis since sewage effluent flowed into LFP homes during a past flood incident.

New Business:

Comprehensive Plan Update: Visioning Report and Vision Statement

Mr. Bennett invited Ms. Munkberg to make introductory remarks on the draft visioning report. After Ms. Munkberg's remarks, most of the discussion was about the draft vision statement. Suggested changes included adding language related to multi-generational planning, recognizing the need for regional connectedness, and addressing connections between neighborhoods. Cmr. Riddle suggested reorganizing the statement by moving the last statement to the beginning. Chair Holmdahl added that the vision statement may be more relevant if it states that our City has not only found a way to be financially sustainable but done so in a manner that protects its citizens' way of life. Discussion ensued regarding whether "engine" was an appropriate word to describe the Town Center.

EQC Revised Comp Plan Element Recommendations

Environmental Quality Commissioner Thomas explained the minor changes EQC had made to its policy recommendations in response to feedback received at the December 2, 2014 Planning Commission meeting. There was discussion about policies related to noxious weeds and the public's access to shorelines.

Updates from Liaisons to Other Commissions

Cmr. Saunders said that he was going to work on consolidating the CSC's three policy documents into one. Cmr. Maixner stated that the EDC is waiting on direction from the City Council before forwarding a revised version of its policy recommendations to the Planning Commission.

Comp Plan Update Schedule and Relevant Council Agenda Items

Mr. Bennett provided an estimate of when City Council would start reviewing the draft elements of the Comp Plan Update. There was also discussion about the City Council's review of draft retail marijuana regulations.

12 Degrees North Update

Mr. Bennett described the current permitting activity and site work that would be occurring soon at the 12 Degrees North project site. The second phase of clear and grade activity was about to commence. The lull in activity over the last few weeks was because materials could not be ordered until permits for the second phase had been issued.

Carrie Lewith Zoning Code Amendment Request

In response to a request, Mr. Bennett reviewed the Planning Commissions role in processing this zoning code amendment request.

Adjournment: 9:00 PM

APPROVED:

Ray Holmdahl, Chair