

City of Lake Forest Park - Planning Commission
Regular Meeting Notes: February 3, 2015
17425 Ballinger Way NE—EOC Room

Planning Commissioners present: Chair Ray Holmdahl; Connie Holloway; Richard Saunders; Jean Maixner; Semra Riddle; and Doug Gochanour

Transportation Commissioners present: Chair Jon Skamser; Andrew Reay-Ellers; Kim Thomas; Dale Sanderson; Jennifer King; Gary Bass; John Yarnish

Staff and others present: Steve Bennett, Planning Director; Neil Jensen, City Engineer; Mayor Mary Jane Goss; Ande Flower, Assistant Planner; Kendra Breiland and Carmen Kwan, Transportation Engineers from Fehr & PEERS (sub-consultants to Studio 3MW); see sign-in

Planning Commissioners absent: Vice-chair Jon Lebo; Rocky Oliver; and Joel Paisner

Call to order: 7:04 PM

Approval of Meeting Agenda: Cmr. Gochanour moved to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Cmr. Holloway and approved unanimously.

Approval of Meeting Notes:

November 4, 2014 Cmr. Gochanour moved to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Cmr. Riddle and approved unanimously.

December 16, 2014 Cmr. Saunders moved to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Cmr. Gochanour and approved unanimously.

New Business: Comprehensive Plan Update: Transportation element

Ms. Breiland reviewed the process which led to the current draft. She asked all Commissioners for feedback with the current draft. Following are suggestions made during the discussion:

Introduction:

- Add numbers of LFP residents who work in the Seattle and Eastside area from the visioning survey.
- Include reference to park and ride.
- Include a positive reference to light rail
- Include challenge of having a non-grid street system

Goal 1:

- Include stronger language supporting an LFP park and ride. There was discussion about the potential for a Bothell Way corridor study which would be an important first step in finding a workable location for an LFP park and ride. Ms. Breiland said that she would work with Mr. Bennett to find language addressing the need for the study.
- Keep the language simple: Develop a park and ride. It was suggested to also include park and ride within Goal 4.
- Reference the light rail with policy (d)
- Include an explanatory note for LOS grading system
- Clarify that LOS applies only to rush-hour traffic
- Distinguish between LOS for vehicles and LOS for non-motorized
- Include tables that recognize as many streets possible
- Make the section understandable to a lay person with footnotes explaining technical terms
- Move multi-modal LOS table to supporting documentation for use in future non-motorized plan and clarify the language in table, ideally without colored dots
- Add examples to better illustrate policy (j)

Goal 2:

- Include Light Rail station within destination list and add etc.
- Take out “to create healthy recreation options” to keep the reasons open (policy a)
- Take out “LFP” reference to destinations
- Remove ‘city right-of-ways’ and replace with “rights-of-way”
- Get legal and Randy Young’s counsel regarding having developers contribute to “City transportation fund” (policy b)
- Consider where construction of sidewalks by developer may take place (policy b)
- Reference the non-motorized plan (policy b)
- Move the term appropriate between ‘improve’ and ‘streetlights’ (policy d)
- Take out “safe routes to school” and replace it with ‘continue to pursue federal, regional and local grants to enhance school safety’

Goal 3:

- Take out “for public safety”
- Include “working with neighborhoods” at the end of the policy
- Include incentive concept to redirect cut-through traffic
- Actively encourage benefits of alternate commutes
- Take out “encourage increased automobile occupancy”
- Combine policies (d) and (e)
- Include “adaptive transportation system”

Goal 4:

- Replace ‘truly’ with ‘adaptive’ and replace ‘infrastructure’ with ‘system’
- Remove policy (g)
- Find a different place for policy (d), improve wording, and work with staff for inclusion
- Explain “Complete Streets” with sidebar (possibly starting with Goal 2)
- Cross reference policy (h) to environmental element
- Include look for joint improvement for transit agencies to maintain and increase ridership and service (if it does not conflict with Goal 6, then add transit somewhere)

Goal 5:

- Remove “as traffic levels increase” in policy (a)
- Replace “State Highways as Main Streets” with language that generally serves this purpose
- Remove specific roads mentioned in policy (c) to “regional routes”
- Change policy (d) to read “any major development in Southern Gateway Corridor zone”

Goal 6:

- Retain and strengthen language regarding maintaining a direct route to both downtown Seattle and to the University District.

Revised Draft Vision Statement

Mr. Bennett asked the Planning Commission to review the new draft vision statement and determine whether it was ready to be presented to Council. There was discussion about addressing the sense of safety felt by neighbors and the connectivity among neighborhoods. There was additional discussion about how to best state the idea of resolving regional issues in the last sentence. Resilient was suggested as a term that could improve the aspirational tone of the statement.

Updates from Liaisons to Other Commissions

Cmr. Saunders reported that he is working towards compiling the CSC combination of three sections into one document.

Comp Plan Update Schedule

Next meeting will discuss utilities for a second time.

Reports/Communications/Announcements:

Solid Waste Policies

Tabled until next meeting.

Updates for Carrie Lewith Code Amendment Proposal

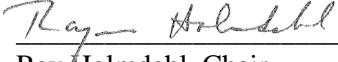
Tabled until next meeting, and may not be raised again until April or May.

Relevant City Council Agenda Items and Activities

Cmr. Saunders invited Commissioners and staff to join a table at the Friends of Third Place Commons annual breakfast fundraiser on Thursday, February 26, 2015.

Adjournment: 9:27 PM

APPROVED:



Ray Holmdahl, Chair