

**PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2014**

ITEMS DISCUSSED

1. CALL TO ORDER
 - AGENDA REVIEW
 - APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
 - CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE
2. PUBLIC COMMENT
 - ACCEPT PUBLIC COMMENT ON OFF-AGENDA ITEMS
3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROGRAM FOR 2016 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE
 - REVIEW DRAFT PROGRAM
4. NEW/OLD BUSINESS
5. ADJOURN

1. CALL TO ORDER

Prior to calling the meeting to order, Planning Commissioner Chair Mack Pearl led the audience in a moment of silence to remember those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. with Commissioners Gale, Kelly and Lewars present. Councilmembers present were Blair, Blossom, Bonkowski, Roth, Townsend and Tollefson. Staff members present were City Manager Schulze, Planning and Community Development Director Cook and Special Project Planner Sutton. Records Management Coordinator Jahraus monitored the recording of the meeting and prepared the minutes.

The meeting minutes for July 24, 2014 were approved.

***MOTION:** I move that we approve the minutes of July 24, 2014.*

***LEWARS/KELLY:** The motion carried 4-0.*

No conflict of interest disclosures were offered.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment for off-agenda items was offered.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROGRAM FOR 2016 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Planning Director Cook stated for the commission that this is the first meeting on the DRAFT Public Participation Program for the Comprehensive Plan Update. She turned the podium over to Community Engagement Specialist Stickney who explained the outcome of what the City is seeking for the Public Participation Program with the aid of a PowerPoint.

The following citizens offered public comment:

Jane Silberstein indicated that she is representing several people in her public comments, as described in her written comment. She likes the organization of the initial meetings around the Priority Base Budgeting results; thinks there should be six facilitated listening sessions. Visioning should happen first, encouraging people to think big. The steering committee should include citizens. A Citizens Advisory Group should be convened with representatives of different interest groups.

Edith Hartman would like the importance of diversity, economic and otherwise, to be recognized. She also commented that there should be more parks in the Winslow area, and the City should revisit out of date development codes to review how development is controlled.

Neil Marck stated that water availability and the City's aquifer must be considered in up zoning.

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Danielle Schaeffner from Kitsap Public Health noted that they are working with Kitsap County on how to integrate public health into the comprehensive plan and looks forward to working with the City.

Karen Casey hopes that a strong vision upfront is developed, and make sure to reach out and listen to lots of people, including those who can't come to meetings.

Debbie Vann felt that the outreach so far is targeted and that most people do not use the City's web site. She also mentioned that Joe Tovar is an advocate for parallel process.

Brenda Padgham of the Bainbridge Island Land Trust stated the community needs to be informed about the physical attributes of the island and that there should be a technical data aspect to the update.

Pattie Dusbabek is concerned about the direction the City is going. She stated that independent farmers and wildlife would be negatively affected.

Ron Peltier supports the parallel process and wants to learn if the current regulations implement the comprehensive plan. He would like to see the City web site being utilized more efficiently and the Steering Committee meetings publicized and open to the public.

Gloria Saylor stated the need for accessible language while considering the diversity of people listening. Ferry outreach methods are important.

Heathere Cericola is a fourth-generation islander. She is very upset about the Visconsi project.

Ryan Vancil wants to integrate local expertise and he would like to work with the City in identifying those community members and learning their level of interest.

Lara Hansen is the director of EcoAdapt; they help communities prepare for change.

Debbie Lester recommended Metro Quest as another tool to engage the community.

Kat Gjovik expressed the importance of the data collected; all the local organizations should meet together to discuss their work.

The Planning Commission then began their discussion of public comment. Commissioner Gale questioned how the City could get experts to weigh in on the Comprehensive Plan Update process, because adding more and more people to steering committees becomes difficult.

Jonathan Davis commented that he has been meeting with other architects to discuss their collective ideas to bring forward to the Planning Commission. He discussed the goals of the Comprehensive Plan should integrate sustainability more clearly.

Commissioner Kelly notes that the draft Program mentions the possibility of ad hoc advisory groups that are convened around a specific topic or issue, and that the draft Program has some elements in common with the program forwarded by Ms. Silberstein's group. She suggested enhancing the language regarding the ad hoc advisory groups in the City's draft program.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.


J. Mack Pearl, Chair


Kelly Jahraus, Recording Secretary