



**PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
January 3, 2018  
City Hall Council Chambers  
6000 Main Street SW  
Lakewood, WA 98499**

**Call to Order**

Mr. Robert Estrada, Vice - Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Planning Commission Members Present: Robert Estrada, Vice – Chair; Connie Coleman-Lacadie, Paul Wagemann and Nancy Hudson-Echols

Planning Commission Members Excused: None

Planning Commission Members Absent: Don Daniels, Chair; James Guerrero, and Christopher Webber

Staff Present: David Bugher, Assistant City Manager, Community Development; and Karen Devereaux, Administrative Assistant

Council Liaison: Councilmember Mr. Michael Brandstetter

**Acceptance of Agenda**

No changes were requested.

**Approval of Minutes**

**The minutes of the meeting held on December 13, 2017, were approved as written by voice vote, M/S/C Coleman-Lacadie/Hudson-Echols. The motion to approve the minutes passed, 4-0.**

**Public Comments**

Mr. Jordan Michaelson, Lakewood, stated he is a marijuana retail sales business owner. Mr. Michaelson shared a Superior Court of Washington for Pierce County case which cited 2 adult males selling marijuana illegally within the City of Lakewood. Facts were read regarding the drugs sold in a house less than 500 feet from Clover Park High School and the illegal guns kept at the house. Mr. Michaelson commented that the unregulated selling of marijuana creates what the I-502 Market was to eliminate. He urged commissioners to support regulated retail sales with the City of Lakewood which would support jobs and generate tax revenue.

Mr. Glen Spieth, Lakewood, shared that he had voted to approve marijuana retail sales within the City of Lakewood, although he has never had a personal use for marijuana. Mr. Spieth commented it will create another tax opportunity for the City and that he would like to see more tax on marijuana related uses than the tax on car tabs.

Ms. Cynthia Macklin, Lakewood, stated she is a marijuana retail sales business owner, and does not indulge in its use. Ms. Macklin explained she is a lawyer and believes in the regulation of the retail sales of marijuana adding that the correct oversight would make retail marijuana sales a good business.

### **Public Hearing**

None

### **Unfinished Business**

None

### **New Business Update**

#### *Star Lite Text Amendment, Marijuana Regulations and Adult Family Homes Update*

Mr. David Bugher reviewed proper procedures for next week's public hearings. Three separate public hearings will be held in one night. Many attendees are expected for each session. Mr. Bugher emphasized effective practices to handle large crowds as well as efficient disciplines to keep each hearing moving in a timely fashion.

Although commissioners have received and discussed the bulk of background information on each topic, it was explained that possible minor changes may be made to the marijuana overlay map. Mr. Bugher assured the commissioners any new information (including any written comments received) will be provided in next week's agenda packet well in advance of the scheduled public hearings.

### **Report from Council Liaison**

Councilmember Mr. Mike Brandstetter updated the commissioners on the following Council actions:

City of Lakewood Councilmembers were sworn in at Tuesday evening's meeting for the next terms with Mr. Don Anderson being voted in as Mayor and Mr. Jason Whalen as Deputy Mayor for the next two years.

The Capital Improvement Project on Military Rd SW and 112<sup>th</sup> St was awarded.

Additional upgrades to the traffic signals along Steilacoom Blvd are planned. A new signal will be placed at the main entrance to Western State Hospital, as well as a new yellow flashing turn signal for 87<sup>th</sup> Ave SW.

Council approved a vacation of property adjacent to the library on Wildaire Rd SW. This 2,000 sq. ft. piece of land was a former trolley right-of-way. The property owner intends to use it as a driveway.

Over the next month Council will be taking a look at all the committee, boards and commission 2018 work plans then assigning tasks or projects to be completed over the year.

Councilmember Brandstetter expressed his interest in continuing as liaison to the Planning Commission; however the Mayor makes the decision as to where he will be assigned for 2018.

**Reports from Commission Members and Staff**

City Council Actions

At this time there is nothing to report from staff.

Written Communications

None

Future Agenda Topics

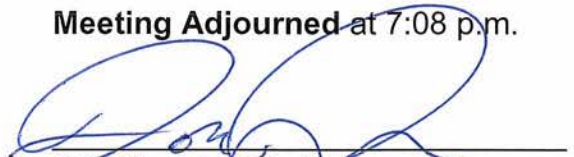
The commissioners will vote on the Chair and Vice-Chair positions in February 2018.

Area-Wide Planning / Land Use Updates

None

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers**

**Meeting Adjourned** at 7:08 p.m.

  
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Don Daniels, Chair  
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Karen Devereaux, Recording Secretary  
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