



**JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
May 3, 2023
Hybrid In-Person/Virtual Meeting via ZOOM
6000 Main Street SW, Lakewood, WA**

Call to Order

Mr. Don Daniels, Chair, called the hybrid ZOOM meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Planning Commission Members Present: Don Daniels, Chair; and Ryan Pearson, Vice-Chair; Phillip Combs, Paul Wagemann, Brian Parsons, and Linn Larsen

Planning Commission Members Excused: Robert Estrada

Commission Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Dave Bugher, Community Development Director and Assistant City Manager; Tiffany Speir, Long Range & Strategic Planning Manager; and Karen Devereaux, Administrative Assistant

Council Liaison: Paul Bocchi (not present)

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on April 19, 2023 were approved as written by voice vote M/S/C Pearson/Wagemann. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

Agenda Updates

None

Public Comments

None. No one in person or virtually attending wished to comment.

Public Hearings, Continued

Proposed 2023 Comprehensive Plan Amendments 2023-03 and 2023-05

Ms. Tiffany Speir gave a brief background of each of the two proposed amendments being considered during the public hearing (2023-03 and 2023-05) after the hearing on the other seven (7) amendments was closed on April 19. Mr. Don Daniels, Chair, opened the floor for public comment.

Dr. Paul Whittaker spoke in favor of rezoning the Lakewood Racquet Club to a Neighborhood Commerce (NC1 Or NC2) zoning.

Mr. Bill Parretta spoke in favor of rezoning the Lakewood Racquet Club to a Neighborhood Commerce (NC1 Or NC2) zoning.

Ken Enslow spoke in favor of rezoning the Lakewood Racquet Club to a Neighborhood Commerce (NC1 or NC2) zoning.

Mr. Jon Grant, Chief Strategy officer, Low Income Housing institute (LIHI), testified on LIHI's support for the updated draft of 2023-05. LIHI still opposed the 1,000 foot radius separation between special housing needs facilities.

New Business

Presentation of Urban Forestry Implementation Plan (UW Evans School for Public Policy and Governance)

Students Alla Smilnak Cross, Marlyn Sanchez, Sam Xu and Jamie Ziah presented to the Commission a step-by-step plan to launch an Urban Forestry Program as identified in the adopted Energy and Climate Change Comprehensive Plan Chapter (ECCC.)

The ECCC outlines specific goals and tasks the city will undertake to address climate change impacts, energy use, and greenhouse gas emissions. The ECCC update includes two main urban forestry goals: (1) increasing Lakewood’s urban tree canopy coverage from 26% to 40% by 2040; and (2) developing and promoting an urban forest management plan in the near-term (i.e. beginning between 2021 and 2025). The University of Washington Graduate Student Consultant group presented their urban forestry program implementation guide and preliminary budget for the first five years of activities.

PRCS Board and Planning Commission members provided feedback to the UW Evans School student team for their pending presentation to the City Council.

Unfinished Business

Commission Discussion re 2023 Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Ms. Speir and CED Director Dave Bugher provided updated information regarding proposed amendment 2023-05.

Mr. Linn Larsen stated he recused himself from discussion and voting on amendment 2023-03 due to a conflict of interest regarding the Lakewood Racquet Club rezoning request.

Report from Council Liaison

None.

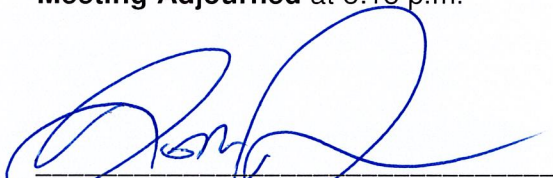
Reports from Commission Members and Staff

Ms. Speir reviewed the upcoming meetings schedule with commissioners:

- May 17: Public hearing on MFTE program update
Planning Commission Action on its 2023 Comprehensive Plan Amendments
Recommendation to City Council

The Next Regular Meeting would be held as a hybrid in-person/ZOOM meeting on Wednesday, May 17, 2023.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:18 p.m.



Don Daniels, Chair
Planning Commission 05/17/2023



Karen Devereaux, Recording Secretary
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