



Lakewood Planning Commission September 4, 2024 Meeting Minutes

WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Planning Commission Members Present Robert Estrada, Chair; Phillip Combs, Vice Chair; Philip Lindholm, Mark Herr, Ellen Talbo, and Sharon Wallace

Planning Commission Members Excused Linn Larsen

Staff Tiffany Speir, Planning Division Manager; Angie Silva, Assistant Director, Planning & Public Works; and Karen Devereaux, Administrative Assistant, PPW

Youth Council Liaison None assigned at this time.

Council Liaison Councilmember Paul Bocchi

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Approval of the July 10, 2024, meeting as written. **SECONDED. PASSED 6-0**

AGENDA UPDATES None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Josh Freidmann, representing LRI, spoke in favor of reinstating the Industrial Zoning designation (which was in place from 2001 to 2019) to an easterly section of the LRI property on Sales Road that was mistakenly removed in 2019.

PUBLIC HEARING None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

2SSB 5290 Proposed Code Amendments

Ms. Angie Silva presented an overview of the 2SSB 5290 and the effects of the major changes to permit applications regarding the determination of completeness, notice of applications, and notice of decision timeline. Ms. Silva explained the new permit timelines would go into effect 1/1/2025 with the annual reporting requirements starting 3/1/2025.

The updated goals of improved usability of the Lakewood Municipal Code for customers, applicants and reviewers; increased transparency on permitting procedures; and streamlining processes are on-going.

2025 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket List

Ms. Tiffany Speir presented an overview of the current docket list. Included in the discussion was the list of seven City-initiated amendments recommended for inclusion in the 25CPA cycle docket, as well as three tentative amendments for Planning Commission consideration. Ms. Speir explained that the substantive content of each amendment will be drafted by staff and analyzed under SEPA once the City Council

takes action to finalize the 25CPA docket.

Ms. Speir presented the potential 25CPA docket list is as follows:

Recommended Amendments:

- 2025-01** Co-Living Housing Amendments for consistency with ESHB 1998
- 2025-02** Updates to Comprehensive Plan Capital Facilities Element, Parks element, and Utilities Element for consistency with 2024 ESHB 1181 (Climate Change & Resiliency)
- 2025-03** Updates to Lakewood Development Regulations for Middle Housing for consistency with 2023 E2SHB 1110
- 2025-04** Regulatory amendments for consistency with 2024 SB 5792
- 2025-05** Regulatory amendments regarding residential parking for consistency with SSB 6015
- 2025-06** Technical updates to the Municipal Code regarding civic uses
- 2025-07** Adoption of 2025-2029 Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) Plan

Tentative Amendments:

- 2025-08** Affordable Housing in commercial buildings zoning/regulations
- 2025-09** Consideration of expansion of Station District Subarea Boundaries
- 2025-10** Consideration of drafting a new subarea plan for the “District/Area North of Steilacoom Blvd and West of South Tacoma Way”

Ms. Speir reviewed the 25CPA legislative process schedule, which would run slightly earlier than past years in order to meet the state-imposed deadline of June 30, 2025, for several amendments.

REPORTS

Council Liaison Comments None.

City Staff Comments None.

NEXT MEETING September 18, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Robert Estrada

Robert Estrada (Sep 19, 2024 15:16 PDT)

Robert Estrada, Chair

Karen Devereaux

Karen Devereaux (Sep 19, 2024 15:26 PDT)

Karen Devereaux, Clerk