

## MINUTES

Lacey Planning Commission Meeting  
Tuesday, February 3, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.  
Lacey City Hall Council Chambers, 420 College Street SE

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Gail Madden.

Planning Commission members present: Gail Madden, Carolyn Cox, Cathy Murcia, Mike Beehler, Jason Gordon, Sharon Kophs, Carolyn St. Claire, Albert de Santis and Paul Enns. Staff present: Ryan Andrews, Rick Walk, and Cindy Carmichael.

Gail Madden noted a quorum present.

**Carolyn Cox made a motion, seconded by Sharon Kophs, to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting. All were in favor, the motion carried. Mike Beehler made a motion, seconded by Cathy Murcia, to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2015, meeting. All were in favor, the motion carried.**

1. **Public Comments:** None.

2. **Commission Member's Report:**

- Gail Madden reported that she, Cathy Murcia, Mike Beehler, Carolyn Cox and Sharon Kophs attended the Joint meeting of North Thurston County Planning Commissions at TRPC and everyone felt it was very informative. Several comments included how communication is the key between all the entities and they are very pleased with the communication in Lacey between staff, the Planning Commission, and the City Council in this respect.
- Cathy Murcia reported that she attended the JBLM Listening Session in Lakewood and said it was great to see all of the surrounding communities there. She was surprised what the monetary impact losing troops would have on these surrounding areas.
- Cathy also attended the recent Council Meeting where recognition was given for the Shop With a Cop and Lacey Loves to Read award recipients. The meeting also included Polish exchange students from our sister city. Cathy was impressed with how the Council and others handled the police criticism that was brought up by a member of the audience.

3. **Director's Report:**

- Rick Walk informed Planning Commission of the upcoming Council Retreat agenda with a work session on a 6-year financial plan for the City.
- Rick informed Planning Commission about the City's new web page for Economic Development. There will be a survey available for businesses for what are the things they like that the City does and what the City can do better to meet their needs and also a survey for the public on businesses they would like see open in Lacey.

4. **New Business:**

**Countywide Planning Policy Update:**

- Rick Walk gave a brief outline on the draft of the Countywide Planning policies. The goal is to establish consistency within the local jurisdictions in developing comprehensive plans. The update integrated goals and policies from the Regional Sustainability Plan. The Urban Growth Management Sub-committee of Thurston Regional Planning Council recommended the draft to the Board of County Commissioners for adoption.

**Utilities Element:**

- Ryan Andrews went over the draft Utilities Element noting that the focus is on private suppliers; electrical, natural gas, cable and phone. A discussion followed on how the draft provides clarity on the policies and goals with the format being appreciated.
- The street tree ordinance was also mentioned with the intent to discourage tree topping associated with utility line clearance.
- The Utilities Element identifies a future development regulation amendment for cell towers as a potential implementation measure including establishing appropriate aesthetic requirements.

**2015 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket:**

- Ryan Andrews discussed the applications for Comprehensive Plan amendment and rezone related to two parcels currently zoned Open Space Institutional from South Puget Sound Community College and the Seattle Archdiocese to Light Industrial. Both of the parcels side by side combined are about 100 acres and are up for

sale. Staff is recommending that the application be put on the 2015 work program. The docket applications will be formally considered at the joint worksession of the Planning Commission and City Council on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

5. **Communications and Announcements:** None.
6. **Next meeting:** February 17, 2015.
7. **Adjournment:** 8:15 p.m.