

## MINUTES

Lacey Planning Commission Meeting  
Tuesday, March 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, Albert de Santis, and Paul Enns. Staff present: Ryan Andrews, Rick Walk, Christy Osborn, George Smith, and Leah Bender. Also present: Graeme Sackrison.

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 Carolyn Cox, to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2015, meeting. All were in favor, the motion carried.**

1. **Public Comments:** None.

2. **Commission Member's Report:** None.

3. **Director's Report:**

- Rick Walk noted that Ryan Andrews distributed a flyer regarding the upcoming short course on planning from 6:15 to 9:15 p.m., Thursday, April 2, in the City of Lakewood council chambers.
- Ryan went over the Planning Commission work schedule and noted that there will be no Planning Commission meeting on March 17. Ryan reminded Commissioners about the form-based code charrette that will take place March 23 through March 26. The charrette will conclude with a public meeting to be held on Thursday, March 26 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in the City Council chambers.
- Rick asked for feedback after the joint Council meeting.
  - A couple of commissioners said they felt like it was not a joint meeting, but seemed more like a regular council meeting, and that there weren't really any issues for Planning Commission to participate in.
  - More than one commissioner noted their surprise that current interest is in developing larger homes and the majority of interest in developing the northeast area of Lacey.
  - A suggestion was made to brief the person running future meetings and ask that they involve commissioners in the meeting.
  - It was noted that it was not a negative experience, but lacked dialog directly between the commission and council.

4. **New Business:**

**Economic Development Update:**

- Rick Walk introduced Economic Development Coordinator George Smith.
- George noted that his position is a temporary two-year position. He gave a PowerPoint presentation that outlined economic development program objectives and how they will be executed to ensure continuation in the future.

**Environmental Protection and Resource Conservation Element:**

- Christy Osborn gave some background information and noted that the original Environmental Protection and Resource Conservation Element was adopted in 1992.
- Christy went over the draft amendments.
- Questions were raised related to agricultural lands of long-term significance and mineral lands within the UGA. Staff stated that there are no agricultural lands of long-term significance in the UGA but there are mineral resource lands. Mineral resource lands will continue until such time a mine reclamation plan has been completed.
- The Planning Commission suggested adding a section to recognize issues associated with the Mazama pocket gopher within the document.
- A suggestion was made to be consistent with the use of terms "Growth Management Act" and "GMA" within the document.

5. **Communications and Announcements:** Ryan said that information regarding the Woodland District Form-Based Code charrette will be sent out as soon as it is available. He also stressed the importance of attending the evening session on Thursday, March 26.

6. **Next meeting:** April 7, 2015.

7. **Adjournment:** 8:55 p.m.