

MINUTES

Lacey Planning Commission Meeting
Tuesday, February 2, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.
Olympic View Elementary, 1330 Horne Street NE

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mike Beehler.

Planning Commission members present: Mike Beehler, Jason Gordon, Sharon Kophs, Carolyn St. Claire, Paul Enns, Michael Goff, Cathy Murcia, Carolyn Cox and Mark Morgan. Staff present: Rick Walk, Christy Osborn, Ryan Andrews, and Cindy Carmichael.

Mike Beehler noted a quorum present.

Carolyn St Claire made a motion, seconded by Jason Gordon, to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting. All were in favor, the motion carried. Sharon Kophs made a motion, seconded by Mark Morgan, to approve the January 19, 2016, meeting minutes. All were in favor, the motion carried.

There were approximately 12 members of the public in attendance.

1. Public Comments:

- A resident commented on the need for sidewalks on Union Mills Road, and is very concerned for the safety of children walking to school. Litter is also an issue.
- Several citizens brought up the outlet mall being located near Cabelas. Rick Walk gave an overview and status of the outlet mall and Gateway town Master Plan being planned east of Cabelas. He explained that the outlet mall is not a done deal but is moving forward in the permitting process. A question arose about possible traffic issues which opened up a discussion about truck traffic.
- Sharon Kophs gave the audience some background on the Growth Management Act and explained that it sets the framework for planning throughout the state.
- One resident felt that the City Council has usually made up their minds concerning various subjects and Rick explained that the Council is always interested in the community's feelings and wants to be informed.
- Other ways of disseminating information to the public was suggested including Facebook and Twitter. A father of school-aged children also said the North Thurston School District has a great communication system and the city should contact them to distribute information to parents.
- A citizen stated that the same jobs pay more in Seattle compared to Lacey. He would like to see higher paying jobs available here. The City through the Economic Development Coordinator is working on finding employers that offer family wage jobs. He also commented on the lack of alternative transportation to JBLM, Pierce County has numerous options while Thurston County only has 1 bus per day.
- Interstate 5 traffic concerns were also discussed, Rick explained the City is working with regional partners including the Department of Transportation to address the issues.
- Strong feelings were expressed to avoid the duplication of growth patterns experienced in other cities'.

Ryan gave the Power Point on Envision Lacey, explaining future growth for the City and the Urban Growth areas.

2. **Director's Report:** Rick Walk reminded Commission members about the joint City Council meeting on Thursday, February 4th. The majority of the Commission plan on attending. Rick also mentioned forming a group to attend the Thurston County Planning Commission briefing on the Comprehensive Plan Update.

3. **Commission Member Reports:** Carolyn St. Claire attended the City Council meeting recently and reported that Cathy Murcia was voted in for a full term. Carolyn also mentioned the discussion about the Transportation Benefit District. Cathy Murcia spoke about the Compassionate Community event she attended with North Thurston Public Schools and the City, and stated that it was inspiring to see all the members of the community that participated.

4. New Business:

Pleasant Glade and Hawks Prairie Planning Areas: Ryan Andrews, Planning Manager; Christy Osborn, Associate Planner

Christy went over the section of the Land Use Element on the Pleasant Glade Planning Area, described its location, and boundaries and stated that this area is primarily residential. Some of the older subdivision located in this area have recently added STEP systems or hooked into City sewer. There are a significant number of schools in this area. A question about requiring residents to hook into City sewer was raised and explained that the sewer service needs to be extended to protect environmental sensitive areas. Ryan discussed the Hawks Prairie Planning Area. This area has the highest potential for commercial development. Ryan presented slides showing growth areas. Future schools

are also planned. Transportation issues are a concern with InterCity Transit not providing bus service north of the freeway. Carolyn St Claire raised a question about build-out of the Jubilee Community near Puget Sound, Rick mentioned the proposed future phases and retaining stormwater on site.

5. **Next meeting:** February 16, 2016.
6. **Adjournment:** 9.00 p.m.