

**BLACK DIAMOND
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF JULY 19, 2011 MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bob Kaye called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with the introduction of the role and duties of the Planning Commission.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Bob Kaye, Greg Thesenvitz, Sheri Roth, Keith Watson
Absent: Pam Thurmond; Darryl Buss and Ron Taylor (both excused)
Staff: Community Development Director Steve Pilcher

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lisa Garvich questioned whether the Commission had sufficient attendance to constitute a quorum. The Chair replied that the four individuals present were sufficient. She also asked about truck weight limits on public streets. Ms. Garvich was directed to contact the Public Works Committee of the City Council with any concerns.

Cindy Wheeler questioned whether individuals would be allowed to address individual items on the agenda. The Chair indicated that the audience would be able to do so.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Commissioner Watson, seconded by Commissioner Roth, to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2011 meeting as written. Passed 4-0.

WORKSESSION ON POTENTIAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS

Mr. Pilcher noted that the Commission is being asked to initiate numerous potential plan amendments at the request of City Council, staff and members of the public. Initiation only means the potential amendments will be formally considered through the amendment process; it should not be construed as an indication that the Commission will take positive action in the future. Once initiated, staff will conduct additional analysis, formulate specific recommendations, conduct the SEPA process, and forward the proposals to the State Department of Commerce for 60-day agency review as required by the Growth Management Act. Mr. Pilcher noted there are both map and text amendments under consideration.

Each potential amendment was individually reviewed by Mr. Pilcher with the Commission and audience. As a result of the discussion, the Commission requested that instead of designating all parks lands as "Public," that a land use description for "Park" be created and also, that staff draft a new "Park" zoning district to add to Title 18 of the Black Diamond Municipal Code. The In-City Forest lands should be considered for a "Park" designation instead of "Public."

The Commission also decided that the two proposals affecting Enumclaw School District properties (the parking lot across from the Black Diamond Elementary School gym and the post office site) should not proceed forward as potential Future Land Use Map changes.

The Commission agreed to move forward with the remaining potential amendments. Mr. Pilcher indicated that, due to the changes, staff will need to modify the proposed resolution and bring it back at the August meeting for formal action.

DEPARTMENT REPORT

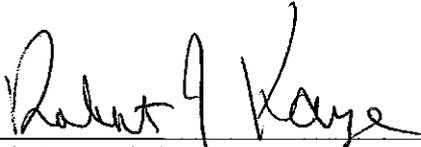
Mr. Pilcher noted that beginning at the next Planning Commission meeting, Associate Planner Stacey Borland will also be attending to assist with taking minutes. Mr. Pilcher noted there had been some confusion regarding the Commission's vote on an item at the last meeting; he suggested staff drafting proposed motions for the Commission's consideration for future meetings.

Mr. Pilcher reported that during the previous week, the Hearing Examiner conducted the open record hearing on the two proposed development agreements for The Villages and Lawson Hills MPDs. Expert testimony will be considered on Thursday, July 21 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers. The Examiner is then leaving the written record open for two weeks (until August 4th) during which time anyone can submit comments into the record. That will be followed by a one week response period, followed by a two (business) day response period, concluding on August 15th. Staff is estimating the Examiner will issue his recommendation sometime around Labor Day.

Mr. Pilcher also noted that beginning this fall, staff will begin working with the Commission on adoption of a new Shoreline Master Program and Regulations to govern the shoreline environment around Lake Sawyer/Frog Lake. This process has been delayed due to a staffing issue at the State Department of Ecology.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Thesenvitz, seconded by Commissioner Watson, to adjourn. Passed 4-0. **The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.**



Bob Kaye, Chairman

ATTEST:


Planning Commission Secretary