

**BLACK DIAMOND  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23, 2012 MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Keith Watson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with the introduction of the role and duties of the Planning Commission.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Keith Watson, Greg Thesenvitz, Sheri Roth, Kyle Danielson, Pam McCain, Darryl Buss and Pam Thurmond  
Staff: Community Development Director Steve Pilcher and Senior Planner Stacey Welsh

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Moved by Commissioner Thurmond, seconded by Commissioner Roth, to accept the minutes of the October 9, 2012 meeting. Passed 7-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING ON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS  
(Testimony closed)**

Chair Watson stated that testimony on the Comprehensive Plan Amendments was closed.

**CPT12-02 Transportation concurrency on SR-169**

Mr. Pilcher provided information from the previous meeting and new information received from the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and Parametrix regarding other jurisdictions and levels of service (LOS). He explained that the LOS on SR-169 between Black Diamond and Maple Valley is LOS D and from Maple Valley to Renton is LOS D. It is LOS E for King County in designated "rural mobility areas".

Chair Watson reviewed the information with the Commission. The Commission noted that the letter from WSDOT states that only the State can set LOS for a Highway of Statewide Significance (HSS) and references the needs of local communities. The Commission reviewed the wording changes discussed at the last meeting. It was noted that the City can make a conscious choice regarding development in the future. The Commission noted that traffic is discussed at almost every public meeting. A question was asked about whether or not developers have to go through traffic concurrency as part of their projects. The Commission members discussed their opinions of the amendment and proposed language.

**Moved by Commissioner Thurmond, seconded by Commissioner McCain, that the Planning Commission not recommend the proposed CPT12-02. Passed 6-1 (Thesenvitz—specifically recommended alternate language).**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Commissioner Buss stated that he is not reapplying for his position, due to work obligations.

**DEPARTMENT REPORT**

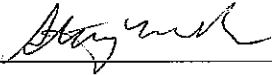
Mr. Pilcher explained that the City Council adopted new Planning Commission regulations; including 4-year terms and a new process for filling vacancies. He said there is no meeting for the Commission next month due to the upcoming The Villages Phase 1A SEPA appeal and plat hearing. The next meeting is December 11<sup>th</sup>, where the Commission may revisit vesting periods for various land use applications.


**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURN**

**Moved by Commissioner Thesenvitz, seconded by Commissioner Danielson, to adjourn.  
Passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.**

Minutes prepared by: Stacey Welsh, Senior Planner 

  
Keith Watson, Chairman

ATTEST:  
  
Planning Commission Secretary