

Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2019

Approved: KMD



6:33:53 PM

Chair Kathryn Beck called the meeting to order. Commissioners in attendance: Christine Lavra, Michael Zelinski, Carly McGinn

Commissioners Absent: Chris Holland, Greg Tisdell, Adam Yanasak, Alex Lark, and Michael Finch

Meeting minutes

Motion: Commissioner McGinn made a motion to approve the March 19, 2019 meeting minutes. Commissioner Lavra seconded the motion.

Vote: Commissioner McGinn, yes; Commissioner Zelinski, abstain; Commissioner Lavra, yes; and Chair Beck, yes.

Motion Carried.

Commissioner Reports

None

Staff Comments

Allan Giffen, Planning Director, stated that the next meeting is on April 16, 2019.

General Citizen Comments

None

Item 1: Sign Regulations Public Hearing

David Tyler, Planner, summarized the revisions made to the sign regulations from the previous draft, the update objectives, and the next steps.

Commission Discussion

Commissioner Zelinski referred to the definition for monument signs and asked if the definition was correct in regards to the language regarding “. . . low profile signs over 5 feet above grade . . .” He asked if the correct wording was “. . .low profile signs under 5 feet . . .” Mr. Giffen responded that staff would review the definition.

Commissioner McGinn appreciated the changes made in response to the feedback from the previous Planning Commission meeting.

Commissioner Beck asked about electronic signs. Mr. Tyler responded that the sign companies did raise concerns; however, there are two sets of provisions one for commercial districts and one for residential districts where the rules are different. Most of the comments received from Berry Signs were about the electronic signs in the residential districts. The intent is to follow-up with Berry Signs regarding their specific concerns. Staff did revise the regulations to allow electronic message signs on freestanding signs.

Citizen Comments

Victor Harris, 3017 Lombard, encouraged the City to consider the dark skies initiative in regards to lighting and proper illumination.

Motion: Commissioner Lavra made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Zelinski seconded the motion.

Vote: Commissioner McGinn, yes; Commissioner Zelinski, yes; Commissioner Lavra, yes; and Chair Beck, yes.

Motion Carried.

Item 2: Other Business


Mr. Giffen stated that he briefed City Council on the Vision 2040 update that the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) is conducting which extends the planning horizon out 10 years to 2050. The regional growth strategy is something that will shape how the City amends the Comprehensive Plan under the Growth Management Act (GMA). The result is that the City will have much higher growth targets in the next Comprehensive Plan update, which will be due in 2023. Currently, the PSRC is preparing an environmental impact statement. That work will shape some of our work program in the future, not immediately but as we work towards 2023 in the next major update of the Comprehensive Plan.

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Planning Commission Secretary

4-16-19
Date



Administrative Assistant

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Date