

RENTON PLANNING COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2010
6:00 p.m.

Renton City Hall
Council Chambers

Planning Commissioners Present: Michael Drollinger, Ray Giometti, Michael O'Halloran, Nancy Osborn, Kevin Poole, Ed Prince

Planning Commissioner Absent: Michael Chen, Gwendolyn High

City Staff Present: Chip Vincent, Planning Director; Jennifer Henning, Current Planning Manager; Vanessa Dolbee, Senior Planner; Angie Mathias, Associate Planner; Kris Sorensen, Assistant Planner; Judith Subia, Administrative Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER: Commission Chair Giometti called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL: Commission Secretary Drollinger called roll. Commissioners Chen and High were absent and excused. Commissioner Poole arrived late.
3. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: None
4. AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None
5. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Nancy shared an email from the Arts Commission inviting the Planning Commission to an informational meeting to discuss and gain input on new City art on May 11 at 4:30 p.m.
6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:
 - Chip distributed postcards that are being mailed out to property owners in the City Center Community Planning Area. The Draft Plan is available for review and the public is asked to participate in a survey. Staff has presented to the North and South Renton neighborhoods and will be presenting to the business community next week. Chip encouraged Commissioners to participate in the survey.
 - The Planning & Development Committee will be discussing the SMP on May 12 in the Council Conference Room.
 - The Commission asked for a briefing regarding taxing for affordable housing. Mark Santos-Johnson from the Economic Development & Neighborhoods Division is scheduled to present to the Commission in July.
 - Commissioner O'Halloran requested information regarding utility poles. Neil Watts, Development Services Director, will present this item to the Commission on May 19.
7. DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS (TITLE IV) AMENDMENTS DOCKET BRIEFINGS:
#D-09: Temporary Encampment Provisions
Kris presented this docket item. Staff has held an interdepartmental meeting. The next steps will be to

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review other jurisdictions code provisions, develop a report and proposal, and bring it back for the Commission's review. The faith community will be engaged and a public hearing will be held.

#D-39: Design District Overlay Guideline Clean Up

Angie presented this docket item requested by the Planning Commission. This item proposes shifting some guidelines to standards, revising guidelines to function as guidelines, and place the RMF zone in Design District B. The changes created by shifting standards out of guidelines are generally: clarifications, enhancements/new options, deletion, and new standards. Twelve of 17 guidelines are being rewritten, with a few small changes and one deletion (combined with another guideline).

#D-42: Mobile Home Setbacks

Vanessa presented this docket item requested by the Planning Commission. This item proposes amending Title IV to reflect an Administrative Determination from February 27, 1970. Changes would address setbacks in existing mobile/manufactured home parks. Staff has historically used this determination to issue building permit for the placement of manufactured homes into older existing mobile/manufactured home parks within the City.

#D-43: Height

Jennifer presented this docket item requested by the Planning Commission. This request provides consistency with the International Building Code (IBC) definitions and to measure height from the existing grade. This item will also add illustrations to the code.

#D-46: Administrative Code Interpretations

Kris presented this docket item. Code interpretations are needed if the standards are unclear or contradictory, there is misplaced text following a code update, or the predictability is unclear. A draft of the new code is posted on the website for 14 days for public review. Based on any comments received, the Director signs the interpretation. This is followed by a 14 day appeal period. The following interpretations became effective during the last docket cycle: signs, amateur /ham radio antennas, temporary uses, animals, urban separator, and retail in the CA zone.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: The next Commission meeting will be on May 19, 2010.
9. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Ray Giometti

Michael Arnoldinger, Secretary

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