

PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Community Center  
1808 Main Street, Lake Stevens  
Wednesday, May 17, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 pm by Chair Jennifer Davis

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Jennifer Davis, Vicky Oslund, Tracey Trout, Karim Ali, Janice Huxford, Brett Gailey

MEMBERS ABSENT: Linda Hoult

STAFF PRESENT: Community Development Director Russ Wright, Associate Planner Roth and Clerk Jennie Fenrich

OTHERS PRESENT: none

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**Excused Absence:** Commissioner Huxford made a motion to excuse Commissioner Hoult Commissioner Trout 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0-0-1.

**Guest business:** None

**Action Items:** The minutes were approved for the April 5, 2017 as submitted. Commissioner Trout made a motion to approve minutes and Commissioner Ali 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 6-0-0-1.

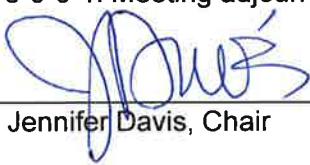
**Discussion items-** Associate Planner Dillon Roth gave the commission a briefing on Permissible Use Codes. There have been two applications to change code in Local Business Zone, Chapter 14.40. The first one is to allow carwashes in LB Zone if the business is located next to State Highway. The second proposal is to have storage units along State Highways. Discussion followed. Planning department is looking for direction on review process for the Citizen request to have inside/outside storage facility, specifically Huber property on HWY 204. After discussion, the Planning Commission concluded it didn't meet the Comprehensive Plan vision of the Local Business Zone.

**Commissioner Reports:**

Commissioner Ali has been fielding questions regarding a new business coming to town. Director Wright responded that no applications have been made but did say a national chain has contacted him. There are only rumors at this time. Commissioner Gailey asked if the rumors could be squelched by a statement from the mayor. Commissioner Huxford was asked to be a part of Women in Business Forum and stated the City of Lake Stevens was well represented, Commissioner Trout attended the Design Review Board Meeting and encourages the commission to take a look at the developments going in, especially near the Trestle Station. Chair Davis feels there is a disconnect between the Growth Management Act and density requirements and public awareness. She suggested we let the community know more of what is planned. She also reported the 5-Rights Brewery is looking great and this will be a great addition to the City.

**Director Report:** Community Development Director Russ Wright shared that City has completed the Downtown Subarea Plan meetings and a draft proposal is being drawn up. The environmental impact study is underway and could be adopted by fall. North Cove Park plans are moving forward and invited all to a June 20<sup>th</sup> public meeting regarding park plans. Mr. Wright commented he knew there was a lot of anxiety in the community about development. He encouraged the commissioners to spread the word that there is a vision to how we are growing and that we are under mandate to regulate the growth. Director Wright apprised the Commission that a new Communications Assistant has been hired and her name is Beth Braun.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Commissioner Oslund to adjourn Commissioner Gailey 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0-0-1. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.



Jennifer Davis, Chair



Jennie Fenrich, Clerk,  
Planning & Community  
Development