

RENTON PLANNING COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2010
6:00 p.m.

Renton City Hall
Council Chambers

Planning Commissioners Present: Lisa Brines, Michael Drollinger, Ray Giometti, Gwendolyn High, Nancy Osborn, Kevin Poole, Ed Prince

Planning Commissioners Absent: Michael Chen

City Staff Present: Chip Vincent, Planning Director; Jennifer Henning, Planning Manager; Vanessa Dolbee, Acting 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 6:07 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL: Commission Secretary Brines called roll. Commissioner Chen was absent and excused. Commissioner High arrived at 6:20 p.m.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Commission approved the minutes of December 16, 2009 as written.
4. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Letter from Barbara Nightingale from DOE regarding the draft SMP Restoration Plan; Email from David Douglas regarding the SMP Update: Non Conforming Uses and Structures.
5. AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None
6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Ray thanked Chip for sending a recommendation to the Mayor's office for his reappointment to an additional term.
7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:
 - Michael Chen was also reappointed on Monday to an additional term.
 - Chip thanked the Commission for all their hard work in 2009.
 - Effective January 1, the Planning and Technical Services Section joined the Planning Division.
 - The City Center Community Plan is being reviewed by the Interdepartmental Team. The comment period ends on January 8. It will then be presented to the Commission for review. When concurrence is achieved, the plan will be distributed to the public. Following public review, it will proceed through the legislative process. Next, the implementation strategy will begin.
 - An Interdepartmental Team also met to review the budget for the Sunset Area Community Investment Strategy. Members of the team met with the Renton Housing Authority to coordinate an EIS for the area. An RFQ will go out at the end of the month.
 - Staff received numerous comments regarding the Shoreline Master Program. The Commission is

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scheduled to make a recommendation at the next meeting. However, to allow for adequate review, a discussion will take place on January 20 and a recommendation will be made later.

8. DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS (TITLE IV) AMENDMENTS DELIBERATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

#D-18: Landscaping & Street Trees

No Planning Commission comments for deliberation.

Planning Commission Recommendation

MOVED BY OSBORN, SECONDED BY PRINCE to accept the Staff recommendation. SIX FOR, ONE ABSENT.
MOTION CARRIED.

#D-32: SEPA Categorical Exemptions

No Planning Commission comments for deliberation.

Planning Commission Recommendation

MOVED BY POOLE, SECONDED BY PRINCE to accept the Staff recommendation. SIX FOR, ONE ABSENT.
MOTION CARRIED.

#D-33: Parking Standards

Vanessa discussed changes to the parking standards for “attached dwellings for low income or elderly” to state “attached dwellings for low income” and provide an increased maximum that is consistent with market rate attached dwelling units. She also discussed prescriptive regulations regarding short term and long term bicycle parking.

Planning Commission Deliberation

The Commission asked for more information regarding long term bicycle parking for office and multi-family developments.

This docket item will be tabled until the next meeting where the Commission will be provided with more information.

#D-35: Design District Overlay Consolidation and Development Table Clean-Up

No Planning Commission comments for deliberation.

Planning Commission Recommendation

MOVED BY POOLE, SECONDED BY DROLLINGER to accept the Staff recommendation. SIX FOR, ONE ABSENT.
MOTION CARRIED.

9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: The next meeting will be on January 20, 2010.

10. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Ray Giometti, Chairman

Lisa Brines, Secretary

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