

**City of Puyallup
Planning Commission
Puyallup City Hall – Council Chambers
December 11, 2013
7:00 PM**

(These minutes are not verbatim. The meeting was recorded, and copies of the recording are retained for a period of six years from the date of the meeting and are available upon request.)

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Vice-Chair Chris McNutt, Curt Gimmestad, Shelley Krashowetz, Heather Shadko

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Chair Steve Hastings, Clay Ciolek, Nancy Johnson

STAFF PRESENT: Director of Development Services - Tom Utterback; Deputy City Attorney – Steve Kirkelie; Associate Planner – Katie Baker; Assistant Planner – Kendall Wals; Administrative Secretary – Michelle Ochs

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

An amendment was proposed to the agenda to include the approval of minutes for the November 9, 2013 meeting. Ms. Krashowetz seconded the amendment, and the Commissioners unanimously approved the amendment to the agenda.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES

November 9, 2013

Ms. Shadko moved to approve the minutes as written, Mr. Gimmestad seconded the motion. The Commissioners unanimously approved the minutes.

AGENDA ITEMS

Introduction – I-502 Implementation (01:20)

Mr. Kirkelie, Deputy City Attorney for the city, provided an introduction to the I-502 initiative, which legalizes recreational marijuana. Mr. Kirkelie stated that there is a three tiered licensing system, and that the Washington State Liquor Control Board makes the rules, issues licenses, and enforces state rules. He covered what is considered recreational use, licensing, and the licensing system that is made up of the producer, processor, and retailer. Mr. Kirkelie also talked about the Liquor Control Board timeline, the moratorium approved by the City Council in

August and October of 2013 which expires on March 31, 2014, and what will happen next in the process, which includes Planning Commission review.

Ms. Shadko asked if the skate park is designated as a park and would be included in the 1000 foot buffer zone where a marijuana retail outlet may not be located, Mr. Kirkelie responded that the skate park is probably considered a park and that the 1000 foot buffer zoning map that staff will have for the Planning Commission at their next meeting will show that.

Mr. McNutt asked if the retail outlets could be restricted to medical zones; Mr. Kirkelie replied that it could be an option but there are likely retailers that would challenge being restricted from areas that are outside the 1000 foot buffer. There were a couple of comments about whether retailers would be allowed in residential areas, Mr. Kirkelie responded that generally there are enough churches, schools, etc. that have the 1000 foot buffer and would exclude the majority of residential areas. Mr. Utterback also pointed out that the City zoning code doesn't allow retail inside of residential already.

Update – South Hill Neighborhood Plan (Recording start time 25:08)

Mr. Utterback gave a short recap of the material that the Planning Commission has already covered on this topic, which included discussion of land use, the different zoning districts, and design standards/ guidelines. He also gave a brief overview of the upcoming process, which include revisions to the applicable zoning sections, drafting of design standards/guidelines, public outreach, and then Planning Commission review and recommendation to City Council.

Mr. Gimmestad commented on Sound Transit's plans to improve access to the station, and how it would affect South Hill in terms of getting people from up on South Hill down to the station in downtown Puyallup.

OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS (Recording start time 52:30)

Ms. Baker gave an update on what is coming up on the Planning Commission calendar, including a hearing in February on the I-502 initiative. She also thanked outgoing Planning Commissioner, Heather Shadko, for her service on the Commission.

CITIZEN COMMENTS (Recording start time 55:55)

Howard Schick – District 1 – Mr. Schick commented on the two types of marijuana use (recreational and medical), that it his understanding that you need a prescription to get medical marijuana, and whether there are regulations on medical marijuana. He also commented on the proposed parking lot by Sound Transit, suggesting that Sound Transit build an overpass for passengers to be able to safely cross the tracks to get over to the other side. He also commented on the differences between South Hill and downtown Puyallup and how standards should be different for both areas.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.