

**CITY OF SEATAC
PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes of September 18, 2018
Regular Meeting**

Members present: Tej Basra, Tom Danztler, Brandon Pinto, Jim Todd and Stanley Tombs

Members absent: Roxie Chapin

Staff present: Steve Pilcher, CED Director; Anita Woodmass, Acting Planning Manager

1. Call to Order

Chair Basra called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2018 meeting as written. **Passed 4-0.**

4. Worksession on Code Amendments

CED Director Steve Pilcher reminded the Commission they had discussed these three issues earlier this year and had agreed in concept with moving forward. Staff has now drafted potential code language for the Commission's consideration.

Light & glare: Mr. Pilcher noted that this issue had arisen with the Code Compliance Committee in response to a citizen complaint. After examining a number of codes from other jurisdictions, staff drafted proposed amendments based upon the City of Tumwater's code.

The Commission expressed concern with restricting lighting of commercial properties after "business hours." Based upon that discussion it was decided to eliminate paragraph #6 on page 3 of the staff memo. The Commission discussed the light trespass standards found in Item D on page 4 of the memo. There was concern that these standards were too restrictive.

Moved and seconded to not make any changes to light and glare standards at this time. The issue can be revisited in the future if there are more complaints. **Passed 5-0.**

The second issue concerns specific landscaping standards that apply to residential properties along freeways or "frontage roads". An issue earlier this year highlighted the problem that code does not define what constitutes a frontage road. Based upon earlier discussions with the Commission, rather than define the term (and thereby make it clear there are no frontage roads in the City of SeaTac), the proposal is to simply eliminate this code standard. The Commission concurred that the special landscaping requirement should be eliminated.

The final area concerns proposed amendments to the critical areas regulations (Chapter 15.700) to all developers to participate in the King County "fee in lieu" wetland mitigation program as an alternative to on-site mitigation for wetland impacts. Mr. Pilcher noted this would benefit both

private property owners and agencies such as Sound Transit. The Commission agreed with moving forward with the draft language as presented by staff.

5. CED Director's report

Mr. Pilcher briefed the Commission on the following:

- September 19 Port of Seattle SAMP EIS Scoping meeting at SeaTac Community Center
- Joe Scorcio being extended as City Manager
- Interviews for Planning Commission vacancies
- New Senior Planner and Planning Manager

6. Adjournment

The meeting then adjourned at 6:21 p.m.