

CITY OF SEATAC
PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes of May 7, 2019
Regular Meeting

Members present: Leslie Baker, Tej Basra, Roxie Chapin, Tom Danztler, Jagtar Saroya, Brandon Pinto

Members absent: Andrew Ried-Munro, excused

Staff present: Jennifer Kester, Planning Manager; Kate Kaehny, Senior Planner; Steve Pilcher, CED Director

1. Call to Order

Chair Basra called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

2. Public Comment

Barbara McMichael, 20816 Military Road South, expressed concern regarding potential rezoning of properties in her area to High Density Residential.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved and seconded to approve the minutes of April 2, 2019 meeting as presented. **Passed** 6-0.

4. City Center Plan Update

Senior Planner Kate Kaehny provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the planning process and work that various staff has already been doing. This includes outreach by Economic Development Strategist Aleksandr Yeremeyev and a project conducted with students at Tye High School. A presentation of their work occurred on April 5th in the Council Chambers.

Ms. Kaehny noted materials are available on the project website, together with an online survey. To date, only 7 people have responded to the survey. Staff will do more to advertise the survey's availability.

The consultant selection process was reviewed. Chair Basra gave his perspective on participating in the process and some budget considerations.

Ms. Kaehny then reviewed the next steps that will be taken.

Commissioners inquired about the new ownership of the Bow Lake Mobile Home Park and whether they have been contacted. Ms. Kaehny noted that staff has reached out, but has not heard back from the Carlyle Group.

Public Comments:

Earl Gipson, SeaTac resident, questioned the utility of using input from teenagers. He also expressed concern over what occurred in the past in regards to the City Center and that it not be repeated.

Cathy Boysen-Heiberg offered some thoughts of how to reach a “win-win” between residents and the property owners. She suggested putting neighborhood services in areas where they can be utilized by residents. Properties on International Blvd. should develop as tourist-related businesses; services should locate elsewhere.

Wendy Morgan, Highline Botanical Garden and SeaTac resident, questioned whether lodging tax funds might be used for any part of the study. She expressed concern that the Regional Tourism Authority will be asking for funding from the HMAC for a feasibility study for the garden.

5. By-Laws Amendments

Planning Manager Kester presented the By-laws with proposed amendments as recommended by the Commission during its last review.

Moved and seconded to vote on the issue; **passed 6-0**. Moved and seconded to approve the By-Laws as presented; **passed 6-0**.

6. CED Director’s Report

CED Director Pilcher provided updates on filling vacancies in the Planning Division; the recent Community Leadership Academy; and the Dept. of Commerce Airport Study. He also asked the Commission about calling the day of meetings; the Commission agreed they would like a reminder call and will call in if they cannot attend.

7. Commissioners’ Comments

Commissioner Dantzler advised the Commission on recent actions of the State legislature.

Commissioner Baker noted she had taken the Community Leadership Academy class and recommended people participate if able to do so.

Commissioner Chapin noted there had been recent discussion regarding potential consolidation with the Tukwila.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.