

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
PLANNING POLICY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

January 22, 2015

City Hall South
Council Chambers

135 E. Sunset Way
Issaquah, WA 98027

PPC MEMBERS PRESENT

Carl Swedberg, Vice Chair
Michael Foss, Alt.
Brian Garvey, Alt.
Bill Ramos
Paul Weller, Alt.

STAFF/OTHERS PRESENT

Trish Heinonen, Policy Planning Manager

CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

SWEDBERG, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

MOVED BY GARVEY, SECONDED BY RAMOS, that minutes of the PPC meeting on November 13, 2014, be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed 2015 Docket of Comprehensive Plan Amendments and Zoning Map Amendments

Heinonen made staff's presentation. She explained that the purpose of tonight's public hearing is to take comments on the set of Comprehensive Plan amendments that staff will work on in 2015. She explained that the docket of amendments to be reviewed is established by the Council annually at the beginning of every year. She continued her presentation with how the proposed amendments fit into other state and regional regulations. She referred to the timeline for approving the City's docket, including tonight's public hearing and leading to final Council action in March.

Heinonen displayed a flow chart of how amendments are proposed, reviewed and approved (Level 6 Review of the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Code Amendments). She explained that the Land Use Code, unlike the Comprehensive Plan, can be amended at any time during the year, and that there is no state regulation on how jurisdictions can address code amendments.

She referred to the docket in the agenda packet beginning on page 8 of 12, and explained amendments 1 through 19 listed in the docket. She gave more details about those proposed amendments that are marked as a "new amendment" for 2015. She concluded by reviewing the next steps in the process for approving the proposed amendments.

WELLER said he would be interested in seeing the maps of three proposed amendments (#16, State Park; #17, Talus, #18, Croston Lane). Heinonen indicated the proposed State Park annexation on an overhead map. RAMOS asked for clarification of open space shown in light green on the overhead map. Heinonen explained those two parcels are City-owned but are not part of the State Park property.

Heinonen referred to an overhead map that shows the proposed Croston Lane rezone. She said the designation is currently CF-Open Space, and the proposal is to rezone it to Single Family-

Small Lot. She explained the City used to own the parcel, and it is steep with various constraints. The property owner of the properties in front of the parcel has purchased the parcel from the City so that added property changes how their property proposal can be configured. Since the parcel has been sold, the parcel has to be rezoned to Single Family-Small Lot, she said. RAMOS asked for clarification on where the parcel is located. Heinonen showed it on a map, and said she can e-mail him a better diagram. WELLER and RAMOS located the parcel on the Issaquah zoning map on the rear Chamber wall.

Heinonen explained the proposed amendment rezone for the Talus Expansion Parcel. She gave background on the parcel, noting that it has already undergone environmental review and a land use designation has already been established. The amendment would enable Talus to add the parcel as an expansion area of the Talus Urban Village, which Talus was not ready to do until now.

SWEDBERG opened the public hearing at 6:47 PM for public comment. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing at 6:47 PM. There were no further questions or comments from PPC members.

FOSS referred to an e-mail from WALSH. Heinonen confirmed that all PPC members received the e-mail prior to the meeting, and noted that in it WALSH indicated his support for the docket of amendments as listed in the agenda.

MOVED BY GARVEY, SECONDED BY FOSS that PPC authorize the PPC Vice Chair to sign the Findings of Fact recommending the 2015 Docket of Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments, as listed in Exhibit A in the agenda packet, to the Council for approval. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURN

Heinonen said the next PPC meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2015.

With no further business to conduct, SWEDBERG adjourned the meeting at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lowe
Recording Secretary