

PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Lake Stevens School District
12309 22nd St, Lake Stevens
Wednesday, May 1, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: 7:07 pm by Chair Janice Huxford

MEMBERS PRESENT: Janice Huxford, Linda Hoult, Vicki Oslund, Steve Ewing, John Cronin, Tracey Trout and Jennifer Davis

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Community Development Director Russ Wright, Planning Manager Josh Machen and Clerk Jennie Fenrich

OTHERS PRESENT: Councilmember McDaniel

Excused Absence: None

Guest business: None

Action Items:

1. Commissioner Hoult made a motion Commissioner Ewing seconded to approve the minutes for 4/3/2019. Approved 7-0-0-0.

Discussion Items: Planning Manager Machen gave a briefing on the Fence, Hedge and Wall Code Amendment. Mr. Machen presented a Power Point Presentation on Fence and Retaining Walls. He expressed this is a discussion with the Commission and he is looking for feedback to take to the City Council. Balancing between safety and aesthetics. Sight triangle is the first consideration for safety. The height limitation within the site triangle has typically been limited to 42 inches due to safety. A standard six-foot high wood fence is the general assumption that a homeowner expects to have on their property line. The Commission also discussed regulations to allow homeowners to add an additional foot of decorative features, open fencing, lattice or the like. Staff also presented a variety of regulatory options for walls within setbacks and along rights-of ways. The Commission made expressed their preferences on heights and landscaping of such walls. Commissioners were generally in favor of the staff's recommendations and requested that the actual regulations be brought back to them before holding a public hearing.

Commissioner Reports: Commissioner Hoult gave a report on the Puget sound Regional council, Vision 2050. She urged anyone who wants to have their comments heard that will impact the region in the future, must submit comments now, as decisions are being made now that will affect us in the future. She shared an article that a link to psychosis from regular use of marijuana is on the rise.

Planning Director Report: Director Wright gave an update on the Land Use Advisory

Committee. The focus has been on visual preference, and zoning comparison with other jurisdictions and lot width and setbacks and innovative neighborhoods. Planning Manager Machen indicated that there would be a public meeting regarding the development of the pre-land use designations for the UGA. Director Wright reported on the Snohomish County Tomorrow meeting. The recommendation of the group is Transit-Area Growth. The City of Lake Stevens issued comments asking for regional flexibility in addition to the recommendation of Puget Sound Regional Council.

Adjourn. Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Hoult, seconded by Commissioner Ewing. Motion carried 7-0-0-0. Meeting adjourned 8:11 pm.



Janice Huxford, Chair



Jennie Ferrich, Clerk, Planning &
Community Development