



**PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY August 19, 2015
Council Chambers
6000 Main Street SW
Lakewood, WA 98499**

Chairman Mr. Don Daniels called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Planning Commission Members Present: Don Daniels, Chair; Robert Pourpasand, Vice-Chair; Connie Coleman-Lacadie, Robert Estrada, James Guerrero, Paul Wagemann and Christopher Webber

Planning Commission Members Excused: None

Planning Commission Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Dan Catron, Principal Planner; and Frank Fiori, Planning Manager; Becky Newton, Economic Development Manager; and Karen Devereaux, Recording Secretary

Council Liaison: Councilmember Paul Bocchi

Acceptance of Agenda

No changes were suggested.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman, Mr. Don Daniels, opened the floor for discussion of the draft minutes of the meeting held July 15, 2015.

Minutes of the meeting held on July 15, 2015, were approved by a unanimous voice vote, M/S/C Guerrero/Estrada.

Public Comments

None.

Public Hearing

None.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Vice Chair Request to Step Down

Mr. Robert Pourpasand, Vice-Chair, requested to be allowed to step down from his current position although he intends to continue to serve on the planning commission.

Mr. Don Daniels, Chair, opened the floor for nominations. Mr. Robert Estrada nominated Mr. Paul Wagemann to fill the Vice Chair position.

The motion to appoint Mr. Paul Wagemann as Vice Chair was made by Mr. Robert Estrada and seconded by Mr. James Guerrero. A voice vote was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

Critical Areas and Flood Hazard Areas Ordinance Updates

Mr. Frank Fiori, Planning Manager, informed the commissioners of updates being prepared by staff to comply with current regulations and legislative changes. As a participating jurisdiction in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) the City of Lakewood is required to maintain a floodplain management program and associated ordinances that meet the requirements of the NFIP as established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The City is currently in compliance with NFIP requirements, however, two actions since the City last updated the codes associated with their floodplain management program will require the City to review its' codes and make amendments as necessary.

1. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has recently completed a new preliminary Flood Insurance Study and the creation of new Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) for Pierce County.
2. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) filed legal action against FEMA over the implementation of the NFIP in the Puget Sound Basin. The NMFS prevailed in the action and as a result a Biological Opinion (BiOp) was prepared that provided guidance to FEMA regarding the implementation of the NFIP.

The proposed updated FIRM will increase the amount of land within the City that is classified as being in a special flood hazard area, in particular lands along Clover Creek in the Racquet Club Estates and Springbrook neighborhoods.

City staff has been preparing amendments to both LMC Title 18A and Title 14A. The draft updates have been forwarded to responsible agencies and the City is awaiting revisions. Those revisions will be shared with the commissioners once received.

Economic Development Update

Ms. Becky Newton, Economic Development Manager, presented a slide show of 2015 goals and priorities which covered several topics to include business retention and expansion, strategic focus area development and redevelopment, recruitment of target industries, marketing and promotion, as well as building the JBLM partnership.

A sound bite of a City of Lakewood promotional commercial that will air on Pandora Internet Radio was heard by commissioners and a list of potential businesses seeking locations within the City was shared.

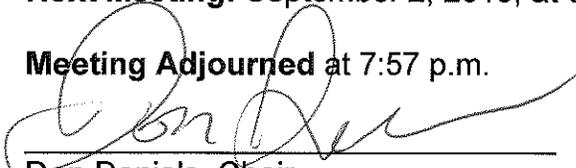
Reports from Commission Members and Staff

Mr. Dan Catron reminded commissioners of the public hearing to be held on Wednesday, September 16, 2015. Chairman, Mr. Don Daniels, requested that staff

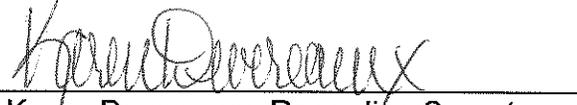
provide a brief protocol on the do's and don'ts of public hearings regarding the commissioners' responsibilities before the September 16th hearings.

Next Meeting: September 2, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers

Meeting Adjourned at 7:57 p.m.



Don Daniels, Chair
Planning Commission 09/02/2015



Karen Devereaux, Recording Secretary
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