



# PLANNING COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

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## CALL TO ORDER

The Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Murphy at 6:00 pm.

Chair Michael Murphy and Commissioners Kate Akyuz, Angela Battazzo, Carolyn Boatsman, Chris Goelz, and Victor Raisys, were present remotely. Adam Ragheb was absent.

## Staff Remote Participation:

Alison Van Gorp, Deputy CPD Director

Adam Zack, Senior Planner

## APPEARANCES

There were no public appearances.

## REGULAR BUSINESS

### 1. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes:

#### A. March 27, 2024 Special Meeting

A motion was made by Raisys; seconded by Battazzo to:

**Approve the minutes.**

Approved 6-0

### 2. PCB 24-07: Comprehensive Plan Periodic Review – Parks and Climate Amendments Second Brief

Alison Van Gorp, Deputy Director, reviewed the parks and climate change related amendments proposed by staff and sought consensus or direction as required.

A motion was made by Boatsman; seconded by Battazzo to:

**Adopt the minor amendments to the parks policies as proposed by staff and amended**

Approved 6-0

There was consensus to approve the major amendments to the parks policies as presented in PCB24-07, Table 1.

There was consensus to make the minor climate amendments as presented in PCB24-07, Table 2.

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There was consensus to add a new Policy 27.6.4, as proposed by Commissioner Goelz, which states:

“Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from the construction, heating, and cooling of residential structures by encouraging smaller single family residential housing units, moderate density housing (including duplexes and triplexes), and the use of green building materials and techniques;”

A motion was made by Akyuz; seconded by Battazzo to

**Amend proposed Land Use Element Policy 17.3 to strike “minimize”, add the word “consider”, and strike the phrase “, especially residential zones.”**

Approved 5-1

There was consensus to move forward with the Parks and Open Space Element as presented.

**3. PCB 24-08: Comprehensive Plan Periodic Review – Community Workshop Preparation**

Adam Zack, Senior Planner, briefed the Planning Commission on the upcoming May 1, Comprehensive Plan Periodic Review Open House. The Open House will take place from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Mercer Island Community and Events Center. The public was encouraged to attend and provide input.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**4. Deputy Director’s Report** – Deputy Director Alison Van Gorp provided an overview of the upcoming meetings in May.

**5. Planned Absences for Future Meetings.**  
May 1-26 – Goelz

**ADJOURNED** - The meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm

  
Deborah Estrada, Deputy City Clerk