



Planning Commission Minutes
May 17, 2006 Regular Scheduled Meeting

APPROVED

City Hall Council Chambers

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 P.M.

Planning Commission Present

- Randy McKibbin, **Chair**
- Grant Sulham, **Vice-Chair**
- Quinn Dahlstrom
- Dennis Poulsen
- David Eck
- Katrina Minton-Davis
- L. Winona Jacobsen

City Staff Present

- Stephen Ladd, Planning Manager
- Christy McQuillen, P&CD Assistant/Clerk

A poll determined that a majority of Commission members would be available for the next meeting scheduled for June 7, 2006 to be held at City Hall Council Chambers.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes requiring review and approval were those of April 19, 2006 and May 3, 2006.

Due to staffing limitations, minutes were postponed for review and approval until the June 7, 2006 Regular Scheduled meeting.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS: None

III. OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:

2006 Comprehensive Plan Amendments, Water, Sewer and Transportation Elements- Mr. Ladd asked the Commission that, based on the correspondence received to date, did the Planning Commission feel confident for staff to make the recommended changes and forward the draft(s) to City Council.

After a minor discussion, the commissioners felt it necessary to review each of the comment letters received on the record.

Exhibit 1- **Pierce County Public Works:** The essence of this comment letter is asking for assurance that comments made by Pierce County Public Works earlier in the review process have been incorporated into the Draft. *Mr. Ladd to confirm this with the Public Works Department*

- Exhibit 2- **Pierce Transit:** The essence of this comment letter is for assurance that the Transportation Element provides reference to the City relying on public transportation. *Mr. Ladd said that Yes, this is addressed in the DRAFT Transportation plan and that there is no additional need for additional park & rides.*
- Exhibit 3- **Sky Island Home Owners Association:** Comments include a request that Sky Island Drive be re-classified as a Collector and that the speed limit remains 25 MPH. Opposed to the speed being increased to 45 MPH and that the city install calming devices. *Commissioners questioned if staff could draft an ordinance that all streets within City Limits maintain a 25 MPH speed limit (UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED) but no change the classification for Sky Island Drive at this time.*
- Exhibit 4- **City of Auburn:** Comments largely include corrections to some of the maps and figures, changes to the data (for Regional Transportation Segment) and a large emphasis on the City of Auburns proposing to expand their Urban Growth Area with intent to move forward with Annexations) on the north end of Lake Tapps. *Commissioners questioned if an Urban Growth Area expansion or annexation would affect the Bonney Lake Water Service Area. Mr. Ladd indicated that typically no, this usually doesn't have a major affect other than the Bonney Lake Water Service Area being within Auburn City Limits.*
- Exhibit 5- **Washington State Department of Transportation WSDOT:** This comment letter is quite technical in nature (volume capacity ratios). *Mr. Ladd said that this comment letter would best be served by the Consultants and Public Works Department reviewing these concerns.*
- Exhibit 6- **Fred Jacobsen:** The essence of this comment letter addresses traffic concerns in relation to the Pierce County development of Cascadia. No changes were requested to the Draft Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element.

Commissioner Jacobsen voiced her opposition with the connection going through 198th Ave E to Rhodes Lake Road. Even if the road was to increase to 5 lanes, there is going to be a major corridor problem at SR410 E, South Prairie Road and 200th Ave E. (in addition to the current problems in the area and a few fairly large developments proposed in this corridor). Her suggestion is to re-route traffic coming from the south (Cascadia Development) east on 120th Street E and this way traffic could travel north into city limits utilizing 214th Ave E or South Prairie Road.

Commissioner Jacobsen went on to say further that Pierce County needs to seriously consider developing roads off the plateau to Orting (from Cascadia) which would provide an additional evacuation route for the people on the valley floor. The City of Bonney Lake needs to do something with the north/south road network because the current level of service is D, this is not acceptable.

Commissioner Minton-Davis countered this suggestion pointing out that the city should open up as many roads as they can so traffic can flow. It's extremely important to open up as many roads as you can versus closing off some roads such as 198th Ave E, leaving traffic to bottle up in other areas.

After a major discussion, a poll of the group resulted in supporting Commissioner Jacobsen's suggestion to attempt to cut off the connection of 198th Ave E to Rhodes Lake Road. Next step is how to do this? Mr. Ladd suggested a type of disclaimer (band aid) be placed in the Element and this concern is included in the Planning Commissioners recommendation to City Council.

This item would remain on the Agenda under Old Business for the Planning Commission meeting schedule for June 7, 2006.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING- None

V. NEW BUSINESS- None

VI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Correspondence- Covered under Old/Continuing Business. Ms. McQuillen noted for the record that the correspondence received on the record has been listed in a correspondence log for the 2006 Comprehensive Plan Amendments Water, Sewer and Transportation Elements.

Staff Concerns- Mr. Ladd briefly updated the Commission on the current work taking place in house. There will be no New Business for the June 7, 2006 Planning Commission meeting.

Commissioner Concerns – None

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DAHLSTROM, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JACOBSEN TO ADJOURN. APPROVAL WAS UNANIMOUS.

The meeting ended at 7:09P.M.

Christy McQuillen, Planning Commission Clerk
Approved on June 7, 2006