

CITY OF FIFE
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING

Fife City Hall

August 2, 2010
7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER –

The Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Chairman Call with the following present:

Commissioners: Chairman Jim Call, Commissioners Spence Braden, Richard Garchow and Fred Thomas

Absent: Jeff Brown, Doug Fagundes, and Shannon Thornhill

Staff: Associated Planner Chris Pasinetti, Public Works Director Russ Blount and Senior Administrative Assistant Katie Bolam

Public: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

- a. **Minutes of June 28, 2010 – Commissioner Garchow moved to accept the minutes; seconded by Commissioner Thomas; passed 4/0.**

CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

There was no citizen comment.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Call opened the Public Hearing at 7:26.

Director Blount introduced the Six-year TIP, explained the extension of the Valley Road closure and the related delay of the Levee Road truck ordinance enforcement, and updated the commission on the funding levels of the top 10 priority items. He explained his involvement with TATS (Tideflat Area Transportation Study), and answered questions regarding ways to influence that study. Commissioner Garchow asked if the 59th Ave construction is slated to begin next year – Director Blount said yes. Chairman Call asked about the city's position on the 70th Ave bridge project; Director Blount answered that Fife has been preparing for that project thru other projects like the Valley Ave widening, 70th Ave improvements and the N Levee Road truck ordinance. He also explained that a full-scale study is planned on the 54th Ave/Hwy 99 interchange, similar to the current study of the POT interchange. When asked by Commissioner Braden what steps

the Planning Commission could take to influence the TATS, Director Blount suggested that reprioritizing the TIP presented could possibly have that effect, with some discussion as to how best to accomplish that.

Planner Pasinetti then briefed the commission on the other 4 amendments with power point. He stated the options available to the commission at this meeting, including to approve the amendments as recommended to Council, approve with conditions, or deny. He explained that the Puyallup School District has not yet approved their current Capital Facilities Plan, but they will do that before this goes to Council, and the representative advised that there are no changes planned that will affect Fife. He also reported back to the commission that the Dacca Barn has intended uses including weddings and meetings, that it is a joint venture with the Historical Society, and that the barn is a city-owned building on city-owned property, leading to the necessity for it to be grafted into the Capital Facilities element.

Chairman Call then closed the Public Hearing.

OLD BUSINESS

a. CPA10-01 – Six Year Transportation Plan Update

Discussion resumed from that which occurred during the Public Hearing. Director Blount reminded commissioners that priorities are not necessarily sequence due to funding.

Commissioner Braden made a motion to move Item #9 up to the #4 position (shifting the rest down one notch) and moving the current Item #8 up one notch (effectively maintaining the #8 position in the new priority order). Commissioner Garchow seconded the motion. Passed 4/0.

Commissioner Garchow moved to approve the 6-year TIP as amended, seconded by Commissioner Thomas. Passed 4/0.

b. CPA10-02 – Land Use Element

Commissioner Thomas moved, seconded by Commissioner Braden, to accept CPA10-02 as presented. Passed 4/0.

c. CPA10-03 – Schools' Capital Improvement Plans – Fife & Puyallup

Chairman Call said it'd be better to hold off on this item since all facts are not in hand. Commissioner's agreed.

Chairman Call announced to table this item until Puyallup School District submits its CFP. Commissioner Braden seconded. Passed 4/0.

d. CPA10-04 – Capital Facilities Element

Planner Pasinetti explained this item and stated that staff recommends inclusion of the Dacca Barn in the CFE as high priority. Discussion centered around the \$75,000, with concern about receiving assurance that this is the last of the money to be spent on the Dacca Barn. Planner Pasinetti said he has not received information in that regard. Commissioner Garchow asked about the Community Center and Kinoshita Building repair needs, and whether the eventual sales money for the Gathering Place will help those needs. Planner Pasinetti explained the hotel/motel tax funding.

Planner Pasinetti said that the big picture is that the Dacca Barn is a city-owned facility on city-owned property and should be included in the CFE so we can account for necessary maintenance monies. Chairman Call said that this is a housekeeping item, that it's up to council to decide how monies will be spent toward it as well as other maintenance items. Planner Pasinetti added that it looks good when applying for grant monies for it to be situated in our CFE. Planner Pasinetti explained that staff's recommendation for high priority is based on his assumption of Council's priority; it is open for discussion and alteration.

Commissioner Braden moved that the Planning Commission concurs with the findings in the staff report and attached Findings of Fact and recommends CPA10-04 to City Council allowing the inclusion of the Dacca Barn within the CFE as a medium-low priority, because the Planning Commission has a lack of information about where and how this money will be spent. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. Passed 4/0.

e. CPA10-05 – Housing Element

Planner Pasinetti explained the packet attachments and reviewed previous discussions on this item. Commissioner Braden asked if this increased housing is somehow included in the TATS; Planner Pasinetti assured that Director Blount has this information and that housing growth is part of any transportation study.

Commissioner Braden moved, seconded by Commissioner Garchow, to accept CPA10-05 as presented. Passed 4/0.

STAFF REPORT

Planner Pasinetti announced that there will be two edits to the Findings of Fact presented in packets based on discussion at this meeting. This will be presented at the next meeting.

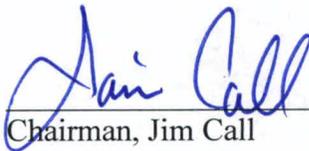
Chairman Call suggested including a zoning and land use designation review as part of the future Work Plan, to simplify and reduce the number of designations. Commissioner Braden said his concern with too much simplification is the resulting reduction of ease for city staff to meet GMA standards. Commissioner Garchow added his concern that trying to do too much of this at once could get very complex. Planner Pasinetti suggested that Chairman Call meet with staff about this concept.

PROFESSIONAL INTEREST ITEMS

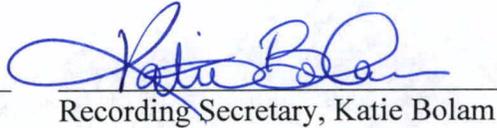
None

ADJOURNMENT

**Commissioner Garchow moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Braden; passed 4/0.
Adjourned at 8:49 pm.**


Chairman, Jim Call

8.30.10
Date


Recording Secretary, Katie Bolam

8/30/10
Date