

**CITY OF FIFE
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING**

Fife City Hall

October 3, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Acting Chair Brown.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Acting Chair Jeff Brown, Commissioners Spence Braden, Tamra Lemoncelli, Doug Fagundes and Shannon Thornhill

Absent: Commissioner Lamarr Bond Sr.

Staff: Associate Planner Chris Pasinetti, Senior Administrative Assistant Katie Bolam

Public

Signed In: Winston Marsh, Fife resident; Gina Owens, student UW/Tacoma

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. August 22, 2011

Motion (Fagundes/Braden) to accept the minutes of August 22, 2011. Passed 5/0.

4. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

- **Winston Marsh, 3137 Destination Ave E** – representing Radiance HOA. He explained that the HOA would like to install informational signs at both entrances to the Radiance neighborhood as a means to communicate with residents. They have much better turnout at meetings and events when they place temporary signs, so they now want to have professional looking permanent signs; he showed examples.

Commissioner Braden asked if they would be electronic; Mr. Marsh said the signage itself would not be electronic, but the box would light up.

Planner Pasinetti explained that there's a regulatory hurdle that disallows permanent signs in the area. The suggestion that Mr. Marsh is making would be an amendment to the FMC to allow such signs.

Commissioner Braden likes how professional the example looks and believes it could deter crime by showing how much the neighborhood cares.

Acting Chair Brown agrees that it's a good idea, getting information out is tough, and he is in favor of this.

- **Gina Owens** – visiting student, resides in Milton. She said she used to work for Helix Design Group and is now attending UW/Tacoma for urban sustainable environments. She is present as a class assignment to attend and write on the meeting, and she thanked the commissioners for their involvement/support of the community.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Planning Commission 2012 Work Plan

Planner Pasinetti explained that the annual Work Plan consists of Comprehensive Plan amendments and general work plan items, and briefly reviewed the 2011 Plan. Ideas for 2012 include: changes to the sign code, as presented by Mr. Marsh; a Pierce County cooperative on a TDR program; economic development measures; and continued work on a new proposed downtown plan.

This last item resulted in much discussion away from microphones, while commissioners looked at the proposed design on placards the Planner Pasinetti brought. He further explained that the City is looking at a feasibility study on the intensity of the land use.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Shoreline Master Program final draft with Dept of Ecology comments

Planner Pasinetti explained that all packet materials are also on the website, and there's a special email address specifically for the SMP. He went over the recent happenings for the SMP, which include the comments from Ecology and responses by Grette and City staff.

He then explained that Ecology's comments indicate that the City's existing Critical Areas code is not adequate for the SMP. Current funding dictates that Fife needs to adopt the model ordinance for now, which is what is included in this packet. He has requested an additional \$10,000 from Ecology to help the City update the ordinance more specific to Fife.

Commissioner Fagundes noted that much of it is just language modifications; confirmed by Planner Pasinetti.

Commissioner Braden asked if the SMP allows access for fishing vehicles; Planner Pasinetti said he'd look into it, that restoration on the river will remain difficult.

7. STAFF REPORT

a. Shoreline Master Program Restoration Plan

Planner Pasinetti said this will likely be presented at the next meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion (Braden/Fagundes) to adjourn – 8:10 pm.

