

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

Fife City Hall

August 6, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by Chair Brown.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Brown, Commissioners Waldner, Braden, Fagundes, Lemoncelli, Bond and Edwards

Absent: None

Staff: Director David Osaki, Public Works Director Russ Blount, Senior Administrative Assistant Katie Bolam

Public: None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. June 25, 2012

Motion (Bond/Edwards) to accept the minutes of June 25, 2012. **Passed 7/0.**

4. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

None.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. CPA12-01 – Transportation Element – Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) Update

Public Works Director Blount introduced the Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), explaining that this is the final year that it will be presented in this way. Due to the decision to move forward with the City visioning process and a new Transportation Plan update, future TIPs will take a new direction. Therefore, this year's Six Year TIP update serves to reflect current funding without consideration of the transportation visioning plan and without resorting priorities. Next year's Six Year TIP will reflect the visioning process in funding and priority.

Discussion:

Commissioner Braden asked if the 70th Ave Bridge, #19 on the priority list, impacts the city visioning project. Director Blount answered that it both does and doesn't. It is a County project and only part of a much larger one, which will remain on the County plan regardless of Fife's plans; however, it will likely bring additional traffic to Fife, which will affect and be affected by the City's visioning plans. Commissioner Braden asked if it is too late to change this priority for Fife.

Director Blount referred to an inter-local agreement Fife has with Pierce County, who is the lead agency.

Commissioner Fagundes asked why there is both a 54th Ave corridor study and a pedestrian crossing. Director Blount said that the study will look at a vehicle crossing (under or over), while the pedestrian crossing is an actual priority action item.

Motion (Bond/Edwards) to move this project on to City Council.

Commissioner Bond asked about the likelihood that all 42 items will be completed during the 2013-2018 time period; Director Blount said no, but some activity will likely be done on each one.

Amendment to the Motion (Braden/Bond) to add "with encouragement for City Council to encourage Pierce County to make the 70th Ave bridge a higher priority."

Commissioner Edwards said he sees a problem with the County moving on this item before Fife is ready; more traffic would enter Fife with nowhere to go.

Commissioner Braden says the problem is not people coming into Fife but trying to get out of Fife over the existing Milroy Bridge.

Commissioner Bond pointed out that the priority isn't set in stone. The anticipation is for the money to be there and for it to get done, but prioritizing it can be done at a later date.

Vote on amendment to the motion. Passed 6/1.

Vote on amended motion. Passed 7/0.

b. CPA12-02 – School Districts' Capital Facilities Plans (CFPs)

Director Dave Osaki gave background for updating the school districts' CFPs each year and explained that the Puyallup School District hasn't adopted its plan yet because of consideration of a major bond issue. This item will be part of the Public Hearing for the Comprehensive Plan Amendments, probably in September.

c. Sign Code Amendments

Director Osaki distributed a handout and gave a presentation on the current sign code proposed amendments focusing primarily on:

- Allowance of a reader board for subdivisions
- Allowance of A-boards without a temporary sign permit in certain areas
- Change in temporary sign restrictions

City Council's discussion at a June study session resulted in a few more work items on the sign code, which will be handled separately from these three items.

Discussion ensued regarding the current proposals, with the Commission favoring all of them, seeing a benefit to residents and businesses. Regarding the subdivision readerboard, Chair Brown suggested allowing one for each entrance, and Director Osaki asked commissioners to also be thinking about whether to allow them to be electronic, and to consider the fact that a subdivision can be as small as five lots. This will likely be on next month's agenda.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Osaki congratulated and welcomed new commissioner Philip Waldner.

He announced that City Council held the public hearing on the Shoreline Master Program; no changes were made to the document, and it has now been submitted to the Department of Ecology for review.

7. OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- a. Set next meeting date

Motion (Braden/Edwards) to move the regularly scheduled September 3, 2012 meeting to September 10, 2012 due to the Labor Day holiday. **Passed 7/0.**

8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

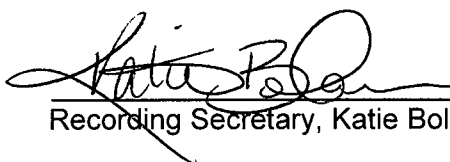
- a. Form Based Codes

Commissioner Edwards welcomed Commissioner Waldner, citing his business position and long-time Fife business residency as assets for the Commission. Commissioner Waldner said he looks forward to working on the Planning Commission.

9. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:37 pm.

 9/10/12

Chair, Jeff Brown Date

 9/11/12

Recording Secretary, Katie Bolam Date