

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

Fife City Hall
5411 23rd Street East

January 6, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Acting Chair Edwards.

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

Planning Commission: Acting Chair Edwards, Commissioners Fagundes, Waldner, Lemoncelli, Roscoe, and Wayman

Park Board: Geddes, Brozovic, Marks, Wayman, Braatan, White Jr., and Dukes-Gethers

Absent: Commissioner Braden

Staff Present: Community Development Director Osaki, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director Reuter, Associate Planner Chris Pasinetti, Sr. Admin. Assistant Bolam

3. JOINT MEETING (Planning Commission and Parks Board) – Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan Update

Director Reuter introduced Mr. Steve Duh from Conservation Technix out of Portland, the consultant for the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan Update. This is a six-year planning document, and this meeting is intended to obtain comment from the Planning Commission and Parks Board on the direction this Update will take. The Consultant is seeking any additional comments from the Planning Commission and Parks Board after tonight within two weeks if possible.

Mr. Duh presented on the status of the update, saying the primary resource of public input was the survey that ran from August 2013 through October 2013. He covered the survey results and where they've been accounted for in the Plan Update. He went over the level of service standards. The Plan update proposes maintaining the current level of service for community/neighborhood parks, and eliminates the acreage standard for greenways, allowing for focused acquisition based on connectivity.

Discussion followed, covering the following topics:

- Skate park considerations
- Concern regarding losing developer funds with lower level of service standards
- Current funding mechanism compared to 2019
- Hylebos Creek as a salmon-bearing creek with no connectivity planned
- Possible compensation from completion of Highway 167
- Concern about over-compensating for trail connectivity versus other priorities
- Balancing the varying needs of the population – maybe a basketball court is more important than trails
- Importance of goals and policies that absolutely maintain the purpose of document

- Results of survey and how they line up with 2008 survey results

The Parks Board adjourned at 8:12 p.m., followed by a brief recess.

The Planning Commission meeting reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2014

a. Chair

Commissioner Lemoncelli nominated Commissioner Edwards for Chair. There were no other nominations. **Passed 6/0.**

b. Vice Chair

Commissioner Roscoe nominated Commissioner Lemoncelli for Vice Chair. There were no other nominations. **Passed 6/0.**

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. December 2, 2013

COMMISSIONER WALDNER MOVED, seconded by Commissioner Lemoncelli, to approve the minutes as presented. **Passed 6/0.**

6. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

None.

7. PUBLIC MEETING

a. Gambling Premises – Code Amendment

Director Osaki presented the background on the current moratorium of Gambling Premises in Fife, which expires in April 2014. The proposed ordinance removes gambling premises as a conditional use from the City's Regional Commercial and Business Park zoning districts. This is supported by criteria in the Comprehensive Plan, and it is supported by a recent City Center market analysis which seeks to encourage a diversity of land uses in the City Center.

COMMISSIONER ROSCOE MOVED, seconded by Commissioner Lemoncelli, to recommend to City Council adoption of the attached ordinance (Exhibit 1) related to gambling premises. **Passed 6/0.**

8. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

a. Countywide Planning Policies Amendments – Centers of Local Importance

Associate Planner Pasinetti presented the background and timeline of this item, covering the Urban Growth proposals and how Fife meets each of the proposed new policies.

COMMISSIONER ROSCOE MOVED, seconded by Commissioner Fagundes, to recommend to City Council ratification of the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies amendments as contained in Exhibit 2. **Passed 6/0.**

