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CITY OF FIFE
Determination of Nonsignificance

Description of Proposal:

Non-Project action. The Proposed 2012 amendments to the City of Fife's Comprehensive Plan. Requests are 1) CPA12-01: Six Year Transportation Plan; 2) CPA12-02: Fife & Puyallup District Capital Facilities Plans; 3) Capital Facilities Element review & update.

Proponent:

City of Fife
5411-23rd Street East
Fife, WA 98424
(253) 922-9625

Project Location:

City-wide. Non Project Action

Case No. SEP12-0008

Lead Agency: City of Fife

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that the proposed action does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public upon request and located online at www.cityoffife.org.

Public Comment Period: This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2). The lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from September 6, 2012. The public is invited to comment on this DNS by submitting written comments to the City of Fife, Attn: Chris Pasinetti, 5411 23rd Street East, Fife, WA 98424. **Comments must be received by 5:00 pm on September 20, 2012.**

Please call the Community Development Department at 253-922-9625 for any questions regarding the above proposal.

This document constitutes notice of pending action according to the Tribal Agreement of 1989. This notice was mailed to all agencies on Fife's SEPA mailing list.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Osaki", is written over a horizontal line. To the right of the signature, the date "9/6/2012" is handwritten.

Date of Issuance: September 6, 2012

David Osaki
Community Development Director/
Responsible Official



City of Fife Environmental Checklist



Purpose of Checklist:

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), chapter 43.21C RCW, requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An environmental impact statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals with probable significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and the agency identify impacts from your proposal (and to reduce or avoid impacts from the proposal, if it can be done) and to help the agency decide whether an EIS is required.

Instructions for Applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Governmental agencies use this checklist to determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant, requiring preparation of an EIS. Answer the questions briefly, with the most precise information known, or give the best description you can.

You must answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. In most cases, you should be able to answer the questions from your own observations or project plans without the need to hire experts. If you really do not know the answer, or if a question does not apply to your proposal, write “do not know” or “does not apply”. Complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later.

Some questions ask about governmental regulations, such as zoning, shoreline and landmark designations. Answer these questions if you can. If you have problems, the governmental agencies can assist you.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Use of checklist for non-project proposals:

Complete this checklist for non-project proposals, even though questions may be answered “does not apply”. IN ADDITION, complete the SUPPLEMENT SHEET FOR NON-PROJECT ACTIONS (part D).

For non-project actions, the references in the checklist to the words “project”, “applicant” and “property or site” should be read as “proposal”, “proposer” and “affected geographic area” respectively.

**A. BACKGROUND**

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: 2012 Comprehensive Plan Amendments and Zoning Changes
2. Name of applicant: City of Fife
3. Address, phone number and name of contact person:
Chris Pasinetti, Associate Planner, 253-896-8628
4. Date checklist prepared: 9/4/2012
5. Agency requesting checklist: City of Fife
6. Proposed timing or schedule (include phasing if applicable):
Planning Commission Meetings: 6/25, 9/10
City Council Study session, Public Hearing and Adoption In November - December
7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.
None directly, other amendments to the Comprehensive Plan are anticipated for in the future.
8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this project.
None directly related known to this project.
9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, describe.
City Council approval, no other approval known at this time.
10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.
Planning Commission recommendation to the City Council and Ordinance's approval by the Council.
11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project site. *NOTE: There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of you proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page.*
Four Comprehensive Plan Amendments this year (Documents are available upon request):

1. Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan- Updated six-year TIP for future capital projects.
2. School District Capital Facility Plans- Updated school district plans for the Puyallup and Fife School Districts.
3. Shoreline Master Program (currently processed separately from the 2012 Comprehensive Plan Amendments).

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

See the attached documents. This is a non-project action.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. EARTH

a. General description of the site (circle or highlight one):

flat rolling steep slopes other

If other, describe.

Not applicable, non-project action.

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

Not applicable, non-project action.

c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, mulch)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any prime farmland.

Not applicable, non-project action.

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

Not applicable, non-project action.

e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

Not applicable, non-project action.

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction or use? If so, generally describe.

Not applicable, non-project action.

g. Approximately what percentage of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt, buildings)?

Not applicable, non-project action.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any.

Not applicable, non-project action.

2. **AIR**

a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e. dust, automobile, odors, industrial wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

Not applicable, non-project action.

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

Not applicable, non-project action.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to the air, if any.

Not applicable, non-project action.

3. **WATER**

a. Surface:

1. Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, described type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

Not applicable, non-project action.

2. Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.

Not applicable, non-project action.

3. Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the sources of fill material.

Not applicable, non-project action.

4. Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

Not applicable, non-project action.

5. Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

Not applicable, non-project action.

6. Does the proposal involve any discharge of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

Not applicable, non-project action.

b. Ground

1. Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

Not applicable, non-project action.

2. Describe waste materials that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial containing the following chemicals...., agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

Not applicable, non-project action.

c. Water Runoff (including storm water)

1. Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

Not applicable, non-project action.

2. Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

Not applicable, non-project action.

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any:

Not applicable, non-project action.

4. **PLANTS**

- a. Circle or highlight types of vegetation found on the site: City-wide.

___ Deciduous tree:

Alder Maple Aspen Other:

___ Evergreen tree:

Fir Cedar Pine Other:

___ Shrubs

___ Grass

___ Pasture

___ Crop or grain

___ Wet soil plants:

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|-----|----------------------------|-----------|---------|---------------|--------|
| | Cattail | Buttercup | Bulrush | Skunk Cabbage | Other: |
| ___ | Water plants: | | | | |
| | Water lily | Celgrass | Milfoil | | |
| ___ | Other types of vegetation: | | | | |

Not applicable, non-project action.

- b. List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

Not applicable, non-project action.

- c. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

Not applicable, non-project action.

- d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

Not applicable, non-project action.

5. ANIMALS

- a. Circle or highlight any birds and animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:

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|-----------|------|--------|----------|--------|
| Birds: | Hawk | Heron | Songbird | Eagle |
| Other: | | | | |
| Mammals: | Deer | Bear | Elk | Beaver |
| Other: | | | | |
| Fish: | Bass | Salmon | Herring | Trout |
| Shellfish | | Other: | | |

Not applicable, non-project action.

- b. List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

Not applicable, non-project action.

- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

Not applicable, non-project action.

- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any.

Not applicable, non-project action.

6. ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

- a. What kind of energy (electrical, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

Not applicable, non-project action.

- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

Not applicable, non-project action.

- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

Not applicable, non-project action.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- a. Are there any environmental hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

1. Describe special emergency services that might be required.

Not applicable, non-project action.

2. Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

Not applicable, non-project action.

- b. Noise

1. What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

Not applicable, non-project action.

2. What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

Not applicable, non-project action.

3. Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

Not applicable, non-project action.

8. LAND AND SHORELINE USE

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?

Not applicable, non-project action.

- b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe.

Not applicable, non-project action.

- c. Describe any structures on the site.

Not applicable, non-project action.

- d. Will any structures be destroyed? If so, what?

Not applicable, non-project action.

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

Not applicable, non-project action.

f. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

Not applicable, non-project action.

g. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

Not applicable, non-project action.

h. Has any part of the site been classified as an "environmentally sensitive" area? If so, specify.

Not applicable, non-project action.

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

Not applicable, non-project action.

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

Not applicable, non-project action.

k. Proposed measure to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any?

Not applicable, non-project action.

l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

Not applicable, non-project action.

9. **HOUSING**

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle or low income housing.

Not applicable, non-project action.

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle or low income housing.

Not applicable, non-project action.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

Not applicable, non-project action.

10. **AESTHETICS**

a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

Not applicable, non-project action.

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

Not applicable, non-project action.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any?

Not applicable, non-project action.

11. LIGHT AND GLARE

- a. What type of light and glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

Not applicable, non-project action.

- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

Not applicable, non-project action.

- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may effect your proposal?

Not applicable, non-project action.

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light or glare impacts, if any:

Not applicable, non-project action.

12. RECREATION

- a. What designated and informal recreation opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

Not applicable, non-project action.

- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

Not applicable, non-project action.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

Not applicable, non-project action.

13. HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL PRESERVATION

- a. Are there any places or objects listed on or proposed for, national, state or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe.

Not applicable, non-project action.

- b. Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archaeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site.

Not applicable, non-project action.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any?

Not applicable, non-project action.

14. TRANSPORTATION

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

Not applicable, non-project action.

- b. Is the site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

Not applicable, non-project action.

- c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?

Not applicable, non-project action.

- d. Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing road or streets, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

Not applicable, non-project action.

- e. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

Not applicable, non-project action.

- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project?

Not applicable, non-project action.

- g. What peak hour traffic is generated by the proposed project?

Not applicable, non-project action.

- h. The directional movements the traffic shall take and the peak hour distribution.

Not applicable, non-project action.

- i. The traffic influence at the two (2) closest intersections to the proposed project.

Not applicable, non-project action.

- j. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any.

Not applicable, non-project action.

15. PUBLIC SERVICES

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

Not applicable, non-project action.

- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

Not applicable, non-project action.

16. UTILITIES

a. Circle or highlight utilities currently available at the site: Not applicable.

electricity

natural gas

water

telephone

refuse service sanitary sewer

septic system

cable television

other:

Not applicable, non-project action.

b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

Not applicable, non-project action.

C. SIGNATURE

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the information furnished in this Checklist is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on the information furnished in this Checklist to make its decision.

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized first name and a surname, followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Date Submitted: 9/4/2012

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

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D. SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS
(do not use this sheet for project actions)

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

The proposals will not likely increase discharges. The Comprehensive Plan Amendments themselves will not increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or increase the production of noise. The proposed projects within the Comprehensive Plan will comply with federal, state and local regulations at the time of application.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

None with this proposal.

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish or marine life?

The proposals will not likely affect plants, animals, fish or marine life. Any projects

resulting from these amendments an environmental review at the time of development to fully ascertain what discharges may occur and how to properly mitigate them.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

None with this proposal.

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

The proposals will not likely deplete energy or natural resources. Any projects resulting from these amendments will have an environmental review at the time of development to fully ascertain any environmental impacts and properly mitigate them.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

None with this proposal.

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

These proposals will not likely affect environmentally sensitive areas. Any projects resulting from these amendments will have an environmental review at the time of development to fully ascertain any environmental impacts and properly mitigate them.

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

None with this proposal.

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

These proposals will not likely affect land and shoreline use, or encourage land and incompatible shoreline uses. Any projects resulting from these amendments will have an environmental review at the time of development to fully ascertain any environmental impacts and properly mitigate them.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

None with this proposal.

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

Most of these proposals will not likely increase demands on the transportation or public services and utilities. Any projects resulting from these will have an environmental review at the time of development to fully ascertain any environmental impacts and properly mitigate them.

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

None with this proposal.

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

There is nothing known within the proposals that conflict with local, state, or federal laws for environmental protection, all projects resulting from these actions will likely require an

environmental review at the time of permit application.

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