



TOWN OF HUNTS POINT

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

**Monday
March 31 2014
6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Planning Commission Chair Pro Tem Rod Olson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commission Members Present:

Rod Olson
Annie Ottesen
Vilma McComsey
Elaine Coles
Bruce Swenson

Commission Members Absent:

John Torode
Henrik Nielsen

Staff Present:

Joe Sabey Mayor
Sue Ann Spens Clerk Treasurer
Linda Kroner Deputy Clerk Treasurer
Mona Green Town Planner
Stacia Schroeder Town Engineer

Public Attendees:

Marianne Jones, Resident

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Approve the minutes of the Planning Commission Meeting of February 24, 2014. Moved by McComsey, seconded by Ottesen.

Passed 3 - 0. Coles and Swenson Abstained

MOTION CARRIED

FENCE HEIGHTS – PUBLIC HEARING

Commission Chair Pro Tem Olson opened the public hearing at 6:14 and closed it at 6:15. Resident Marianne Jones came in to speak on the topic and the hearing was reopened at 6:17. Ms. Jones was concerned about the fence being built by WSDOT behind the properties on Hunts Point Circle. Her concern was that the concrete wall stops in the middle of a property and should extend at least to the end of that property line. The various options that have been discussed with WSDOT regarding that wall area were reviewed.

Commission Chair Olson reminded everyone that the topic for discussion tonight concerns only whether individual property owners who abut the SR520 corridor should be allowed to build a fence up to eight feet tall without having to seek a variance. The current code does not allow fences over six feet tall without a variance.

As there were no additional comments, he closed the hearing at 6:30 pm.

MOTION: Recommend to the Council that they enact changes to the Zoning Code to allow an increase in the maximum fence height from six to eight feet for properties abutting the SR520 corridor. Moved by McComsey, seconded by Coles.

Passed 3 - 2. Swenson and Ottesen voted no

MOTION CARRIED

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Town Planner, Mona Green, reviewed the status of the comprehensive plan update. She has submitted the required periodic checklist as well as the status report on the budgeting and review process. At the next several meetings, Ms. Green will work with the Commission on the various parts of the plan.

ROAD PAVING REGULATIONS

The issue is that the Municipal Code does not adequately address the repair of road excavations to the asphalt roads in Hunts Point. Town Engineer Stacia Schroeder, explained the regulations that exist in the City of Bellevue that could be used as a model for Hunts Point. She estimated that it would take approximately 10 hours for her to complete a proposed set of regulations for Hunts Point for the Commission to consider.

Recommend that staff ask the Town Council to authorize the Town Engineer to work up to ten hours to develop regulations for repairing asphalt roads in Hunts Point after excavation. Moved by Ottesen seconded by McComsey

Passed 5-0

MOTION CARRIED

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner McComsey reported on the meeting regarding affordable housing that she attended. She expressed concern that future regulations may adversely impact Hunts Point. The Commission will be notified of any future meetings regarding these issues. Town Planner, Mona Green, recommended that the Commissioners attend the training on planning issues to be held in Medina on May 7. The notice for that meeting will be distributed to the Commissioners again.

There was a discussion regarding emergency planning day. It will be the Saturday before Clean Up day as it has been in the past. This year it will be Saturday May 17.

There was a question regarding the resolution of the issuance of pet licenses. Clerk Treasurer, Sue Ann Spens, indicated that the existing ordinance will be changed to clarify that pet licenses for residents of Hunts Point will be issued by the City of Medina.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion to adjourn the meeting.
Moved by Ottesen seconded by McComsey.
Passed 5 - 0.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kroner, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer