City of Lynnwood
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MAY 22, 2003

Commissioners present:
Brian Bigler
Patrick Decker
Tia Peycheff
Donna Walther
ABSENT: Johnson, Powers

Staff present:
James Cutts, Community Development Director
Ron Hough, Comprehensive Planning Manager
Dennis Lewis, Senior Planner

Others present:
Ruth Ross, City Council Liaison

SUMMARY OF THE MAY 22, 2003, MEETING MINUTES

Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposals – Group #3
Staff reviewed proposed text amendments to three elements of the Comprehensive Plan.

Development Regulations – Phase 2
Staff gave a brief presentation on the proposed inclusion of a new high-density residential zoning district, RSH zone, to the residential chapter of the development regulations.

CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Decker called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Bigler moved to adopt the May 8, 2003, minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Walther and carried unanimously.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None of the citizens present offered any comments.

WORK SESSION

1. Comprehensive Plan Amendment Proposals – Group #3

Three Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposals were on the agenda for study:

• Code-related Plan Amendments – Senior Planner Dennis Lewis described several amendments that are being proposed to support related changes to the City’s development regulations. The main proposals were the addition of a new SF-3, High-density Single-family residential land use category, changing the Office Commercial category to Community Commercial, and adding a placeholder for the City Center Subarea Plan, which will be considered for adoption at a later date.

• Implementation Element Update – Senior Planner Lewis described proposed changes to this element, including adjustments to the timing of various “measurable objectives” contained in the Land Use and Transportation Elements. The changes included a rewrite of some objectives of the Parks and Recreation Element.

• Environmental Resources Element Update – Senior Planner Darryl Eastin described proposed amendments, which include current City policies contained in the LMC and enhancements of current Plan policies. A letter from David Toyer, Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish County, expressing concerns relating to Natural Landscape and Vegetation, Policy ER-1.7, and ER-3.2 was distributed to the Commission.
2. Development Regulations Update – Phase 2

Senior Planner Dennis Lewis summarized the proposed new High-density Single-family residential zoning district, RSH zone, which would be added to the residential chapter of the development regulations (Chapter 21.42 LMC). Discussion followed.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT & INFORMATION

Community Development Director Cutts reported on the following:

City Council Activities:

May 27
• Public Hearing - Tree Ordinance
• Public Hearing - Subdivision Code Rewrite will be continued to July 14
• Confirmation of new Planning Commissioner

June 2
• City Center Update (EIS and Fiscal Analysis)

June 9
• Sign Code work session. Will come back to the Planning Commission this summer.

June 16
• Work session on the Subdivision Code Rewrite
• Interim Use Ordinance

June 23
• Public Hearing – Applegate Preliminary Plat
• Public Hearing – Carriage Gardens PUD

Commissioner Bigler requested that the Commission be kept apprised of any new developments regarding the methadone clinic issue. Director Cutts responded that a court action has taken place and the City is trying to get a stay on this matter. We are ordered not to process the applications and approve the methadone clinic from both the Planning and Building standpoint at this time.

Planning Manager Hough added:

City Council Activities:

May 12
• Approved the 2003 Plan Amendments Study List. Removed Mr. Palmer’s text and map amendment and Mr. Lytton’s map amendment.

May 19
• Growth Targets work session. Council arrived at a consensus on the population figure but requested further data for the employment target.
• Tree Ordinance and Subdivision Code work sessions
• Planning Commission Candidate Interview

Upcoming Planning Commission Calendar
• June 12 – Comp Plan Amendments Public Hearing
• June 26 – Planned Commercial Dev. Zone Amendment Public Hearing
  – Treatment Plant – Zoning Code Amendment Work Session (tentative)

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Bigler moved to adjourn. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Dave Johnson, Chair