

PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (PED) COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
Date: October 10, 2016

Attendance: Jay Arnold, Penny Sweet, Kurt Triplett, Eric Shields, Paul Stewart, Michael Cogle, Dorian Collins, Stacy Rush, Jon Regala

Absent: Doreen Marchionne

Agenda Item:	Action Items:
1. How can citizens notify the City of a planned Constitutionally-protected free speech event when there is insufficient time to go through the normal notification and permitting process?	Michael reported that people are asked to notify the City through the police non-emergency phone number. This information will be posted on the City's events web page. Committee members asked that it also be posted on the police page.
2. Low impact code revisions	Stacy, Dorian and Paul briefed the committee on work being done to revise development codes to further encourage or require Low Impact Development practices in furtherance of the City's compliance with the state NPDES permit.
3. Totem Lake resolution	Kurt, Dorian and Eric presented a draft resolution that, if adopted, would further express the Council's commitment to actions supporting the Totem Lake Urban Center. Committee members suggested adding actions to support ST3 if the measure is approved by voters in November.
4. Totem Lake Parking	Eric and Jon noted that the developer of the proposed Totem Lake Apartments on the south side of NE 128 th St. next to Totem Lake Blvd. expressed concerns that City parking regulations require excessive parking, the expense of which could threaten the ability to complete the project. This is the second developer to provide this feedback. There doesn't appear to be an easy way to consider a modification under the relatively new parking requirements. Further research is necessary. Committee members expressed support of finding a way to consider a modification, including perhaps considering the close proximity of the site to three transit facilities. Staff will do further research and report back.
Informational Items:	
1. Planning Issues	
a. Northshore School District impact fees	Eric reported that he was contacted by a representative of the Northshore School District expressing an interest in having the City collect school impact fees on its behalf. He noted that he informed the representatives that there are no vacant lots and only thirteen developed lots in the Northshore portion of Kirkland that have the potential to be subdivided. A request to the Council may be submitted at a future date.
b. Village at Totem Lake geotechnical issue	Eric informed the Council of recent geotechnical issues with the VTL and how they've been resolved.
c. Workload/staffing	Eric noted that unusually high levels of development have resulted in the need to temporarily shift some staff resources from long range projects to development review. Work on the Finn Hill Neighborhood Plan has slowed.

2. Economic development issues	Kurt noted that employer recruitment efforts through the Innovation Partnership with Bellevue and Redmond have resulted in substantial interest from out of state firms. Ellen and Philly are touring with interested firms today.
Upcoming Council Agenda Items:	December 13: 1. Scrivanich PUD 2. Callan Ridge PUD
Next Meeting	November 14
Potential Future Topics	1. Sign Code amendments 2. Housing Strategy Plan

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