



HOUGHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
March 27, 2006

1. Call to Order and Roll Call 7:00 p.m.

- Members Present: Chair Rick Whitney, Hugh Givens, David Hess, James Nickle, and Elsie Weber
- Absent/Excused: Betsy Pringle, Bill Goggins
- Staff present: Dawn Nelson, Nancy Cox, Desiree Goble

2. Announcement of Agenda

Chair announced the agenda.

3. PUBLIC HEARING: Hindle-Rohde Reasonable Use, 96XX 38th Avenue NE, File No. ZON05-00011

- Chair read a statement regarding the Fairness Doctrine. There were no objections to participation of members of Houghton Community Council in this hearing. The Public Hearing on the Hindle-Rohde Reasonable Use Permit application ensued. *See March 27, 2006 minutes of Hearing Examiner – Joint Hearing with Houghton Community Council.*

4. Reading and/or Approval of Minutes:

a. February 27, 2006

It was moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes; minutes were approved as written.

5. Council Member Reports and Comments

Mr. Hess said he will miss the next two meetings.

6. Work Program Review

None.

7. Requests from the Audience

None.

8. Unfinished Business

A. Hindle-Rohde Reasonable Use, File No. ZON05-00011A. Hindle-Rohde Reasonable Use

Discussion ensued regarding the Public Hearing that just occurred. Staff answered questions posed by Council. Chair wants a landscaping plan to mitigate the reduced front yard setback, similar to the property at Kirkland Avenue and 6th. Staff clarified that the project Mr. Givens refers to is a Planned Unit Development and some landscaping was required but most of the landscaping done there was at the developer's own behest. It was emphasized that site-specific landscaping plans are not typically required for single-family developments.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Givens and seconded by Ms. Weber to recommend approval on the zoning permit application with additional provision that the 5' setbacks be landscaped with superior landscape design intended to mitigate and soften the impact of the reduced front yard setback. There was discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Final Action: Homeless Encampment Zoning Code Amendments to Chapter 127 Temporary Use Permits – FILE NO.: ZON05-00028

Ms. Cox advised that on March 21, 2006 Kirkland City Council, by a vote of 6-1, passed Ordinance 4047, requiring sponsorship for homeless encampments by churches only within the Houghton Neighborhood.

MOTION: Ms. Weber moved and Mr. Hess seconded to approve Resolution 2006-3. There was discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Final Approval: Amendments to Chapter 117 KZC – Personal Wireless Service Facilities.

Mr. Bergstrom explained to Council that the ordinance was adopted by City Council exactly as was recommended by this Council.

MOTION: Ms. Weber moved to pass Resolution 2006-2 approving Ordinance 4045, seconded by Mr. Hess. The motion carried unanimously.

Council thanked Mr. Bergstrom for his good work on this Amendment.

9. New Business

A. Single-Family Floor Area Ratio (FAR) Regulations - FILE NO.: ZON05-00019

Mr. Bergstrom gave background on this issue. He said City Council has asked Staff to look at the question of whether FAR regulations are working and, if not, what should be done about it. It was determined by City Council that some changes should be made and Mr. Bergstrom asked if this Council wanted to be involved in this effort. There was Council discussion and they expressed interest regarding being involved. Mr. Bergstrom will keep this Council in the loop.

10. Administrative Reports and Community Council Discussion

None.

11. Adjournment 9:37 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Givens, seconded by Ms. Weber and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned.

Rick Whitney, Chair

Nancy Cox, Development Review Manager
Department of Planning and Community Development

RECORDING SECRETARY: Marlene Eisele