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**CITY PLAN COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2009
CITY COUNCIL BRIEFING CENTER, LOWER LEVEL,
CITY HALL – SPOKANE, WASHINGTON**

CPC MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Byrd, Vice President; Stan Stirling; Bob Mansfield; Gail Prosser; Asher Ernst; Dennis Dellwo

CPC MEMBERS ABSENT: Mike Ekins, President; John Fisher; Greta Gilman; Dan Murphy

LIAISON PRESENT: Kaye Straight, Community Assembly.

LIAISON ABSENT: Al French, Council Member

STAFF PRESENT: Planning Services - Leroy Eadie, Secretary to the Plan Commission; Pat Hall, administrative support; Tami Palmquist, City Planner; Louis Meuler, City Planner; Ken Pelton, City Planner
Wastewater Management - Lars Hendron, P.E., Engineer
Code Enforcement – Heather Trautman, Director

The Commission meeting began at 11:39 a.m. General commission business was discussed.

Leroy Eadie gave the Director's report. The discussion included:

- City Council adopted the Sign Code Ordinance on June 22, excluding the changing image in the neighborhood retail zones that are not on an arterial. A workshop exploring an emergency ordinance will be presented to the Plan Commission in July.
- Planning Services is working with the Mayor's office on the Little League fields adjacent to the Northside Landfill.
- The Infill Housing Taskforce is almost through the second review of the ordinance.
- The joint PC/CC meeting will be on August 13.
- Staff will organize the Subcommittee for Comp Plan chapter review.
- Planning staff is working the Mayor's Urban Design awards. The deadline is August 3.
- Planning Services responded to the Department of Ecology on comments they received on the Shoreline Master Plan.
- There was an all-City meeting on June 22 to discuss the budget.

Gail Prosser made the motion to approve the June 10, 2009 minutes as amended. M/S by Bob Mansfield. Passed unanimously.

12:08 p.m. break

12:17 p.m. reconvene

COMMISSION WORKSHOP

Stormwater and Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinances, by Lars Hendron, P.E.

Lars Hendron presented the Stormwater Regulations, specifically the Stormwater Ordinances. The discussion included:

- The two ordinances are for Illicit Discharge and Construction and Post-Construction.
- The Department of Ecology gave municipalities some guidance and requirements to put into place.
- The Post-Construction approach is a change from the complaint-driven approach.
- Stan Stirling asked what would happen with properties that are annexed into the City if the City and the County have differing stormwater guidelines. Mr. Hendron stated the coordination is better than it was in the past. Both jurisdictions are working to make sure there is consistency.
- Stan Stirling asked who would watch the inspectors to make sure they are not too aggressive. Mr. Hendron said one component of the permit is staff training. Training materials are required to be consistent with the permit and the City would be required to keep records of the training done with the staff. This would be reported to the State. The training criteria have not been developed yet.
- Gail Prosser asked what the enforcement would be for a clear violation. Mr. Hendron stated it is not fully developed yet. There are small-scale violations and larger-scale violations. Enforcement fees would increase if violation is not corrected.
- Mr. Hendron will provide the fee schedule for illicit discharge at the next workshop on July 8.

Downtown Regulations and Design Guidelines, by Louis Meuler

Louis Meuler presented the workshop on the Downtown Regulations and Design Guidelines. The discussion included:

- This workshop covered the code portion.
- The Downtown Taskforce will be invited to the next workshop. Mr. Meuler will give a list of the members to the Plan Commission.
- Asher Ernst asked why the University District South was not included. Mr. Meuler stated the taskforce wanted to have a more detailed study first.

- Kaye Straight asked how extensive a change to the Comprehensive Plan this would make. Mr. Meuler stated it was not a modification of the Comp Plan. This project implements the regulatory portion of the Downtown Plan. It is a code change and not a change to the Downtown Plan that is a sub-chapter of the Comprehensive Plan.
- Gail Prosser asked what the process was that determined the Character Areas, and if Mr. Meuler would bring that back at the next workshop.
- "Green" Streets has been converted to "Complete" Streets.
- The next workshop will be on August 12.

1:48 p.m. break

1:54 p.m. reconvene

Renaming of Riverside Extension to Martin Luther King Jr. Way, by Tami Palmquist

Tami Palmquist continued the discussion with a second workshop on the Renaming of Riverside Extension to Martin Luther King Jr. way. The discussion included:

- Ms. Palmquist referred to the Project Overview map. The "teal" section is not public right-of-way; the "purple" section is railroad right-of-way; the "red" section is where the proposal is located.
- Since a new street is being created, Public Works will pay for the street signs.
- The name if spelled out would not fit on the sign according to City sign standards. It would need to be abbreviated.
- Public Notice was posted on June 12.
- 10 e-mails have been received supporting the proposal.
- 29 e-mails and 2 telephone calls have been received against the proposal.
- The connection to Trent Avenue has not been designed to date.

Bob Mansfield made the motion to move forward to public hearing on August 12, 2009. M/S Dennis Dellwo. Passed unanimously.

Zoning Code Changes/Update, by Ken Pelton and Heather Trautman

Heather Trautman presented the workshop on parking in front and side yard setbacks. This workshop refers to the handout, "Section 17C.230.140 Development Standards; specifically, the second page, Parking Area Locations. The discussion included:

- Code Enforcement receives very few complaints on Recreational Vehicles parked in driveways.
- Code Enforcement staff met with the Land Use Subcommittee of the Community Assembly to determine what they would like an ordinance to contain if adopted. They did not have any preference either way.

Confronting NIMBYs video

The Plan Commission members decided to remove this item from the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice President Byrd asked for public comment. Seeing none, she closed public comment.

Stan Stirling made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.



Leroy Eadie, Secretary