



**City of Seattle
Seattle Planning Commission**

Amalia Leighton, Chair
Vanessa Murdock, Executive Director

**SEATTLE PLANNING COMMISSION
JUNE 25, 2015
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

Michael Austin, Luis Borrero, Lauren Craig, Yolanda Ho, , Jeanne Krikawa, Kara Martin, Jake McKinstry, Tim Parham, Marj Press, David Shelton, Lauren Squires, Spencer Williams, Patti Wilma

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Sandra Fried, Grace Kim, Amalia Leighton

COMMISSION STAFF

Jeseca Brand - Policy Analyst, Diana Canzoneri - Demographer, Robin Magonegil, Administrative Assistant, Vanessa Murdock – Executive Director

GUESTS

Michael Jenkins, Seattle Design Commission

IN ATTENDANCE

Cindi Barker, Jimmy Blais, Molly Esteve, Lish Whitson

Please Note: Seattle Planning Commission meeting minutes are not an exact transcript but instead represent key points and the basis of the discussion.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair's Report & Minutes Approval

Vice-Chair Marj Press

Vice-Chair Press called the meeting to order at 7:31 am.

Commissioner Kara Martin moved to approve the June 11, 2015 minutes. Commissioner David Shelton seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Public Comment : Docket Setting-Comp Plan Amendments Letter

Jimmy Blais commented on the Annual Amendment docket setting letter and the Pier One Amendment. Mr. Blais stated that the proposal has been before the City Council before and it was docketed for review in 2012. He added that through the amendment process, it was decided to remove the amendment and to

investigate a zoning change from IG to IC instead of a land use change from Industrial to Mixed Use/Commercial. Mr. Blais noted that the space is oddly shaped and it was his assertion that the space is not viable as industrial. He continued that the amendment was resubmitted and the applicant is asking for another review. Mr. Blais expressed interest in having an additional conversation with the Commission about the property and asked for the Commission to reconsider their docket setting recommendation on Pier One.

Approve: Docket Setting-Comp Plan Amendments Letter

Commission Discussion:

Commissioners discussed the docket setting criteria and for further clarification on C.4, the definition of recently. The Commission also discussed a need to revisit certain proposals as there may be a change in conditions and that the Pier One proposal may be a good candidate. The Commission expressed interest in continuing the conversation with City Council about the Commission's role in docket setting and the docket setting criteria.

The Commission discussed adding to the letter under the Pier One amendment criteria A5, noting that changes to the Industrial Land within a Manufacturing and Industrial Center requires a larger process that is independent of the Comprehensive Plan amendment cycle. They added that the Seattle 2035, Major Comprehensive Plan update, is discussing future changes to the MI/C boundaries and this may be a good opportunity to set more clear criteria for removal of Industrial Land from the MI/Cs.

Commissioner David Shelton moved to approve the Docket Setting Comp Plan Letter with the suggested edits and corrections. Commissioner Spencer Williams seconded the motion. The letter was approved.

Update: Seattle Design Commission

- **Michael Jenkins, SDC, Director**

- Established in 1968 advise the Mayor and City Council on projects affecting the public realm
- Mission: Champion design excellence in the public realm. Promote design practices that catalyze innovative sustainable development, equal opportunity and social inclusion
- Presented highlights of 2014 (Provide Link)

Commission Discussion:

Commissioners discussed the required positions on the Design Commission, asserting that the new focus on right of way activation and allocation may require different skill sets.

Commissioners discussed the I-90 light rail proposed design. They expressed concern with the current design and its interaction with the surrounding neighborhood. There was some discussion about additional funding and specifically the Levy to Move Seattle.

Commissioners expressed interest in the new City Light project planned for the South Lake Union area, noting that the development includes neighborhood connections as well as gathering spaces. Commissioners discussed the Transfer of Development Rights program allowed in the South Lake Union neighborhood and whether City Light had pursued a TDR program for the extra height that they would be allowed but are not using for their development.

Demonstration: Mapping Tool – DPD’s Demographic Website

- Diana Canzoneri, SPC, Demographer

If you would like to view the power point presentation on the mapping tool, it is included in the supporting documents found in the minute’s section of our website.

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Press adjourned the meeting at 9:01 am.