



## APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING

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**April 1, 2010**

Convened 10:00am  
Adjourned 4:00pm

### Projects Reviewed

Waterfront Planning  
1200 Stewart  
Thomas Street Concept Design  
Council President Richard Conlin  
Councilmember Sally Clark  
Councilmember Mike O'Brien

### Commissioners Present

Mary Johnston, Chair  
Brendan Connolly  
Julie Bassuk  
Lauren Hauck  
Laurel Kunkler  
Julie Parrett  
Donald Vehige

### Staff Present

Guillermo Romano  
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**April 1, 2010**                      **Project:**                      **Councilmember Sally Clark**

**Phase:**                      Discussion  
**Last Reviewed:**      Jun 4, 2009; May 1, 2008  
**Presenters:**              Sally Clark, City Council

**Attendees:**              LaTonya Brown, Council staff

**Time:** 2:30pm-3:30pm

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## **SUMMARY**

The Design Commission thanks Council member Sally Clark for the briefing about changes and new directions that the Council is taking and her issues of focus.

## **Presentation**

City Council member Sally Clark updated the Design Commission on her roles and responsibilities as a city leader. Her role as a council member involves leadership over issues surrounding urban growth including comprehensive planning, zoning and historic preservation. She also oversees ethics and legislative matters. Additionally she is involved in the waterfront planning project for the city.

The Commission took the opportunity to talk with Sally about how zoning has far researching impacts in shaping the urban fabric of the city. The process of Seattle's waterfront planning was also discussed.

## **Commissioners' Questions/Comments**

*Do you think that we need to take a fresh look at zoning so there are places that can overlap and the lines blur a bit?*

The big conversation that seems to get urban planners engaged seems to be form based codes; however there are multiple ways to define this. In our own codes and zoning areas, we are having questions about what describes a transition and what might that look like. There are a lot of discussions that are ongoing in industrial areas for example. On one hand, we want to make sure that we incorporate those industrial areas into the city. We will need to make sure that this meeting of industrial and residential areas is re-thought in the zoning. We can't depend on zoning to do the whole job for us; we also have to look at other tools

*Even with the green technology and the food ideas, is there a way to incorporate that into the buffer areas with retail as well?*

*There has been a lot of interest from the Commission in areas around the light rail stations and the design taking shape, with the possibility to provide temporary structures that would allow for retail and temporary uses. These designs could have the ability to have smaller scale developments to activate the transit stations. Those kind of temporary uses might be successful around transit stations.*

There have been the conversations about allowing parking around transit stations for a period of time. There is a proposal to mandate landscaping around the parking near transit stations. In this mandate are a menu of items such as substituting community activities and business opportunities in these areas.

*How do you see the council's priorities align with the mayor's currently?*

There will always be differences between council and the mayor, and we will work on them. There are some very similar viewpoints and great folks in the new administration. There are similar viewpoints on what makes great neighborhoods, possibly different approaches, but similar goals.

*What is the next step in zero waste? Where do we go from here?*

The next step is the concept on food waste; first, we need to look at the mechanisms on multi-family dwellings and management. Second, at what point do we move to an every other week garbage collection? There are also lots of small things, such as product stewardship programs like lighting.

*You mentioned testing out the mid-rise high-rise updates. Is that still going to happen?*

This did happen last year and we used some experts in this topic area, such as Urban Land Institute.