



City of Seattle Seattle Planning Commission

Linda Amato, Chair
Barbara Wilson, Executive Director

SEATTLE PLANNING COMMISSION JUNE 11, 2009 APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE

Vice Chair- Chris Fiori, Catherine Benotto, Josh Brower, David Cutler, Jerry Finrow, Colie Hough-Beck, Mark Johnson, Marty Kaplan, Kay Knapton, Amalia Leighton, Leslie Miller, Christopher Persons, Matt Roewe, Michelle Zeidman

COMMISSION STAFF

Barbara Wilson-Director, Katie Sheehy-Planning Analyst, Robin Magonegil-Administrative Specialist, Diana Canzoneri-Demographer

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Chair-Linda Amato, Kevin McDonald

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

Vice Chair Fiori called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm. He noted that this would be a short business meeting and then would adjourn to hold a prep and training session with NPAC to prepare for the open houses we are co-hosting together this summer.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

- Minutes approval

ACTION: Commissioner Kay Knapton moved to approve the May 28, 2009 minutes. Commissioner Colie Hough-Beck seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

BRIEFINGS & DISCUSSION

- **ACTION: Pedestrian Master Plan**
- Approve Commission Letter

ACTION: Commissioner Leslie Miller moved to approve the Commission's letter regarding the Pedestrian Master Plan. Commissioner Mark Johnson seconded the motion. The motion to approve the letter passed unanimously.

- **Comprehensive Plan 2009/2010 amendments**
 - Staff Report

Recusal & Disclosure:

- Commissioner Mark Johnson disclosed that in regards to amendment 10, his firm ESA Adolfson is preparing the EIS for the Northgate rezone.
- Commissioner Michelle Zeidman disclosed that she is working with Sound Transit to design bicycle parking around light rail stations and to revise their plan related to transit oriented development.
- Commissioner Marty Kaplan disclosed that he is currently a candidate for City Council and his firm, Martin Henry Kaplan Architects, works on projects in commercial and multifamily zones.
- Commissioner Amalia Leighton disclosed that with regard to amendment 19 her firm, SvR, is working on the Yesler Terrace project.
- Commissioner Leslie Miller disclosed that she is a member of the Southeast District Council and OSCAT (Othello Station Community Advisory Team).
- Commissioner Josh Brower disclosed that his firm, Tupper Mack Brower, represents clients who own and/or develop commercial property in Seattle
- Commissioner Chris Fiori recused himself from any discussion about proposed amendments 6 regarding Amending the Future Land use Map in the Roosevelt Residential Urban Village and 19 which proposes Amending the Future Land Use Map to redesignate the Yesler Terrace site from Multifamily Residential to Commercial/Mixed.
- Commissioner Colie Hough-Beck disclosed that her firm, Hough-Beck & Baird, works with the Port of Seattle, which could be impacted by proposed amendment 16.

Katie Sheehy briefly described the proposed amendments. [Please go to City Council's website for more information: http://seattle.gov/council/comp_plan/2009amendments.htm]

Commissioner Brower asked about the amendment review process. Ms. Wilson outlined the process and described the [Guidelines for Amendment Selection](#). Commissioner Kaplan asked if it is typical to have placeholders for amendments. Commissioner Brower noted that DPD's placeholders for the southeast neighborhoods are part of the neighborhood update process that is currently underway. Ms. Wilson noted that there is a precedent for placeholder amendments.

Commissioner Finrow asked when the next big Comp. Plan overhaul review and update would occur. Ms. Wilson replied that the process for the 2011 update will begin this summer and that the Commission will be closely involved.

Commissioner Miller requested that the review process for this year include the original language from the proposed amendment in addition to and revisions. Ms. Wilson agreed that SPC staff will work with DPD and Council Central Staff to ensure that any changes to the proposed amendments are accompanied by the original language in briefing memos and documents.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Fiori adjourned the meeting at 3:55 pm.