

**City of Gig Harbor Planning Commission
Minutes of Work-Study Session
June 18, 2009
Gig Harbor Civic Center**

PRESENT: Commissioners: Harris Atkins, Jim Pasin, Jeane Derebey, Michael Fisher and Dick Allen. Commissioners Absent: Joyce Ninen and Jill Guernsey. Staff Present: Jennifer Kester, Tom Dolan, Kristin Moerler and Peter Katich.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Harris Atkins called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Review of the minutes for the May 7, 2009 meeting was postponed until the July 2nd meeting. The May 17th meeting minutes were not yet ready for review.

Introduction to all 2009 Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Senior Planner, Jennifer Kester passed out the binders for the 2009 review cycle which contained the application information for the 12 amendments accepted for review by the City Council. Ms. Kester went over the Commission's meeting schedule for review of the 2009 amendments. The Commission asked for a detailed schedule listing when each application would be reviewed. Ms. Kester then briefly described each of the 12 amendment being process in 2009 and explained the application material.

Future Actions:

- Prepare a detailed schedule listing when each application will be reviewed.
- Provide the criteria spreadsheet for use during work-study sessions and public hearings.

City of Gig Harbor, 3510 Grandview St, Gig Harbor, WA 98335
(COMP 09-0002) – Parks, Recreation and Open Space Element (PROS).

Associate Planner, Kristin Moerler, presented the city's proposal to repeal the Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Element and the park related amendments proposed for the Capital Facilities Element (COMP 09-0010). Ms. Moerler explained that the existing PROS plan was adopted in May of 2003 and expired in May of 2009. Due to the age of the document, it is no longer a relevant planning mechanism and it cannot be used to get grants from the State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO). Ms. Moerler further explained that the City is working to develop a new PROS plan. She anticipates having the new plan ready for City Council acceptance in January of 2010 to facilitate adopting the new plan into the Comprehensive Plan in the 2010 cycle. Elements of the Parks plan that have been adopted into the Capital Facilities element (Chapter 12) will be retained in the Comprehensive Plan. She went on to note that the

GMA Requirement for inclusion of a PROS plan in the City's Comp Plan is an unfunded mandate and therefore is not required until such time as State funding becomes available.

The commission expressed some concern that removal of the plan would indicate a lack of desire by the City to provide park services or construct park projects. Ms. Moerler assured the commission that the new PROS plan will continue to be developed and will be adopted in 2010. She also noted that while the City will miss the application window to RCO for grants in 2009, the City had no projects for which they were seeking grants in 2009. The PROS plan will be completed in time to apply for grants in the 2010 cycle.

Future Actions:

- Planning Commissioners to provide comment to Kristin if desired. Kristin to prepare revision for public hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 7:20 pm. Derebey / Fisher – Motion passed.