

**City of Gig Harbor Planning Commission
Work Study Session
Civic Center
May 16, 2013
5:00 pm**

PRESENT: Harris Atkins, Craig Baldwin, Rick Gagliano, Pam Peterson and Reid Ekberg. Bill Coughlin and Jim Pasin were absent

STAFF PRESENT: Staff: Lindsey Sehmel and Jennifer Kester

5:00 p.m. - Call to order, roll call

Approval of minutes

Mr. Gagliano suggested that his dissention on the vote be corrected to say “smaller” rather than “different” and remove the word “to”. Mr. Atkins pointed out a typographical error on page 2.

MOTION: Move to approve the minutes of May 2nd, 2013 as amended.
Gagliano/Ekberg – Motion carried.

WORK-STUDY SESSION

1. Harbor Vision Policies

Senior Planner Lindsey Sehmel stated that the goal for the meeting was to develop a timeline for the adoption of the policies. She suggested that they add a goal to the Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan as a first step. She noted that in the next chapter on Community Design might also be an appropriate place to insert policies specific to neighborhoods. Discussion was held on the best place for the goal of the harbor vision. Mr. Atkins wondered if there needed to be a new goal or are there already goals that could be tied to the harbor vision. Mr. Ekberg pointed out that goal 3.20 was to retain the vitality of historic business districts. Ms. Kester stated that she felt it was the City Council’s intent that the vision statement in its entirety be included somewhere within the comprehensive plan. Mr. Atkins suggested that something could be included in the introduction. Everyone agreed that the vision needed to be a separate section of the plan with a way to reference each goal that supports the vision. Ms. Kester said it sounded like it needed to be a new chapter in between land use and community design. She went over the importance ratings that the visioning committee had assigned to each policy for the neighborhoods. They decided to build a table of contents. Discussion continued on the best way to lay out the chapter and map the neighborhoods. Ms. Kester spoke about what zoning designation changes may need to happen as a result of the vision.

Ms. Sehmel then went over the proposed schedule. Mr. Atkins wondered if July 18th

would be a good date for an open house prior to the public hearing. Ms. Kester said that may work if there are not too many changes to the documents. Discussion followed on the possible benefits of having the open house on the same night as the public hearing. Mr. Atkins asked that if Ms. Sehmel came across anything that seemed in conflict when she is writing the proposed policies; that she bring them to the commission for assistance. Ms. Sehmel went over what she would be bringing back to the commission on the 6th of June.

2. Amendments for Direct Consideration

Ms. Kester updated the commission on the food truck ordinance that had gone for direct consideration. She then briefed the commission on a staff proposed model home ordinance that was being proposed for direct consideration by the City Council. She stated that the Planning and Building Committee was supportive of the proposal. Everyone on the commission agreed on the ordinance going for direct consideration but asked to be kept informed on the proposed language.

Mr. Gagliano asked about the status of the Green First project and Ms. Kester said that it was slated to come back before the commission in October at the earliest.

Ms. Kester reminded the commission about the joint meeting with the City Council on June 3rd. Discussion followed on the content of the meeting and how it will be presented.

Adjournment

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 6:58. – Ekberg/Gagliano. Motion carried.