

**City of Gig Harbor Planning Commission  
Work Study Session and Public Hearing  
Civic Center  
August 12, 2013  
5:00 pm**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Staff: Lindsey Sehmel and Jennifer Kester

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

**Approval of minutes**

MOTION: Move to approve the minutes of July 18, 2013 as written.  
Pasin/Gagliano – motion carried.

**WORK-STUDY SESSION**

**Marijuana Related Uses** – Review draft code language and prepare for Public Hearing scheduled for 8/15.

Senior Planner, Lindsey Sehmel went over the draft code for marijuana related uses in response to I-502. She stated that it was the city's desire to have a code in place when rules are adopted by the liquor control board and licenses are issued in December. She also noted that the interim regulations for collective gardens expire on October 11, 2013. Ms. Sehmel explained the difference between collective gardens and dispensaries. Mr. Pasin noted that there were not many places where they could locate. Ms. Kester said that what was being proposed were the same buffers as I-502. Mr. Baldwin asked if we were required by state law to adopt something and Ms. Sehmel said no, the city could stay silent on the issue. Ms. Sehmel distributed a map of the proposed buffer for discussion purposes. She then went over definitions that were also being changed as part of this ordinance. Discussion on the definitions was held. Ms. Sehmel further went over the zones where the different uses were allowed. The commission then discussed the process that applicants would have to go through. The issue of whether the retail use should be allowed in the ED zone was discussed. Ms. Kester went over the options for adopting these regulations. Mr. Atkins asked about Item H that requires a 500' separation between marijuana related uses and that multiple marijuana related uses are prohibited on the same property. Ms. Sehmel noted that the wording was not part of state law. It was decided to strike that section. Ms. Sehmel asked if they wanted to add the Employment District zone to the allowed zones under Item F and everyone agreed to add ED. Ms. Kester asked if they also wanted to allow retail within the ED since other retail is not allowed in that zone. Discussion followed and it was decided to propose that subordinate sales not exceeding 25% of the gross floor area could be allowed. The residential buffers were discussed next. It was

decided that the residential buffers were not needed. Ms. Sehmel went over the schedule for the public hearing.

**Harbor Vision Policies** – Review of the draft element responding to recommended changes and edits from the 7/18/13 meeting. Address organization and additional comments.

Mr. Atkins asked about protocol for talking to the press. Ms. Kester stated that they do not have to speak to the press if they don't want to and reminded the commissioners that they are speaking for themselves; not the city or the Planning Commission as a whole.

Ms. Sehmel went over the changes she had made to the policies since their last meeting.

Mr. Atkins said that he felt they really didn't have an adequate goal about protecting views of the bay.

Ms. Sehmel asked they look the document over and come to the next meeting with their specific comments. She then reviewed the schedule for the upcoming meetings.

Ms. Kester went over the changes the City Council had made to the building height ordinances.

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. Ekberg/Coughlin – Motion carried.