

**City of Gig Harbor Planning Commission
Work Study Session
Civic Center
March 20th, 2014
5:00 pm**

PRESENT: Harris Atkins, Pam Peterson, Rick Gagliano, Bill Coughlin, Craig Baldwin and Jim Pasin. Reid Ekberg and 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 February 6, 2014. Pasin/Baldwin – Motion carried.

Some of the commissioners had not read the minutes of February 20, 2014 so they were continued to the next meeting.

WORK STUDY SESSION

2015 Periodic Review - Ms. Sehmel went over Section A-2, the checklist of items that the state wanted reviewed. She walked through the checklist and addressed whether changes needed to occur for each item. Discussion was held on the items needing further review and/or change and what type of change may be necessary. Ms. Sehmel explained that at the next meeting they will go over the Puget Sound Regional Council requirements and Pierce County requirements.

The Harbor – 2014 Comprehensive Plan Amendment - Ms. Sehmel noted that she had rewritten the introduction as requested. She said the only other change was that she had put headers above each goal. She asked the commission for feedback on the introduction and the headers. It was decided to change the header “transportation” to “circulation”. The header “quality design” was changed to just “design”. The commission decided to change “Reinvestment of the Harbor” to “Revitalization”. The header “Maritime Support Services” was changed to “Maritime Services”. They decided to change “Commercial Fishing” to “Fishing Fleet”.

The commission started their review of the specific text. The goal of 3.15 was changed to read commercial, recreational boating and water activities and remove the word fishing since there is an entire section on commercial fishing. Minor wording changes were made to 3.22.

They discussed 3.42 regarding native vegetation along the shoreline. No changes were made.

Goal 3.5 was discussed next and it was decided to just say public property rather than city owned.

Minor wording changes were made to 3.9.1 and 3.9.7.

Discussion was held on 3.10.3 in regard to how to define mixed use.

In 3.11 minor wording changes were made.

Policy 3.12.2 was discussed. The phrase “property owner” was added and the phrase “merchants” was changed to “downtown businesses”.

The commission discussed goal 3.13 next. It was decided to change the phrase to read, “Gig Harbor residents and visitors”.

MOTION: Move to direct staff to make the edits discussed to the introduction, headings, goals and policies and present a completed Harbor Element of the Comprehensive Plan to the City Council along with a recommendation from the Planning Commission. Gagliano/Peterson – Motion passed unanimously.

Tree Preservation and Retention amendments.

Ms. Kester went over the comments received to the Tree Preservation. She also noted that there were some proposed changes to processing.

Mr. Atkins asked the commission if after hearing and reading some of the comments did any of the commission members feel that the intent of the amendment needed changing. Discussion was held and it was felt that the intent was being met.

Ms. Kester went over the upcoming schedule and the materials that will be provided throughout the process.

Mr. Atkins pointed out that it doesn't seem clear that this doesn't apply to the waterfront and asked that everyone think about how to address that.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Move to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. Pasin/Gagliano – Motion carried.