



GMHB EXHIBIT 256

PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The Planning Commission was called to order by Vice Chair Murphy at 6:00 pm.

Vice Chair Michael Murphy, and Commissioners Kate Akyuz, Adam Ragheb, and Victor Raisys were present remotely.

Chair Angela Battazzo was absent.

Staff Remote Participation:

Jessi Bon, City Manager

Alison Van Gorp, Deputy CPD Director

Carson Hornsby, Management Analyst

Deb Estrada, Deputy City Clerk

APPEARANCES. There were no public appearances.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Planning Commission meeting minutes of the June 12 Special Meeting

A motion was made by Ragheb; seconded by Akyuz to:

Approve the minutes.

Approved: 3-0-1

2. PCB 24-17: Public Hearing: Recommendation on Open Space Zone Code Amendment

The public hearing was opened at 6:04 PM; however, there were technical difficulties that delayed hearing.

- Joseph Sommerfield, Mercer Island, spoke to the setback policy outlined in the Open Space Zone Amendment. He requested that the minimum spacing requirements be lowered or removed.

There being no further comments, the public hearing was closed at 6:11 PM

Alison Van Gorp, Deputy CPD Director, and Carson Hornsby, Management Analyst, briefly summarized the Open Space Zone Code amendment background. They reviewed the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Open Space Conservancy Trust's involvement and the Planning Commission's subsequent recommendations. They continued, outlining an overview of the proposed Open Space Zone and addressing the following:

- Purpose Statement
- Designation Requirements
- Uses Permitted
- Development Standards
- Definitions, and
- Zoning Map

A motion was made by Akyuz; seconded by Raisys to:

Approve the recommendation regarding the Open Space Zone amendment to the MICC and Zoning Map and refer to Council.

Approved: 4-0

OTHER BUSINESS

3. **Deputy Director's Report** – Deputy CPD Director Van Gorp provided a brief update on the October 23 meeting and the Docket process.
4. **Planned Absences for Future Meetings.**

ADJOURNED - The meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm



Deborah Estrada, Deputy City Clerk