



## **MINUTES**

(Approved on November 17, 2021)

**MEETING:** Regular Meeting (virtual)

**DATE/TIME:** Wednesday, October 6, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Anna Petersen (Chair), Ryan Givens, Christopher Karnes, Andrew Strobel, Alyssa Torrez

**ABSENT:** Carolyn Edmonds, Brett Santhuff

### **A. Call to Order**

Chair Petersen called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. A quorum was declared.

Chair Petersen read the Land Acknowledgement.

### **B. Approval of Agenda**

*Commissioner Karnes moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Commissioner Givens seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

### **C. Approval of Minutes**

- August 4, 2021
- August 18, 2021

*The minutes of the August 4, 2021, and August 18, 2021, meetings were approved by unanimous consent.*

### **D. Public Comments**

Chair Petersen reported that no comments were received.

### **E. Disclosure of Contacts**

There were no disclosures of contacts.

### **F. Discussion Items**

#### **1. 2022 Amendment Applications:**

- **NewCold Land Use Designation Change**
- **South Sound Christian Schools Land Use Designation Change**
- **South Tacoma Economic Green Zone**
- **Minor Plan and Code Amendments**

Larry Harala, Principal Planner, presented the 2022 Annual Amendment update, including an overview of the amendment process; next steps; and outlines of the NewCold, South Sound Christian Schools, South Tacoma Economic Green Zone, and the minor plan and code amendments applications.

Commissioner Karnes requested information on the scope of the minor code amendments. Lihuang Wung, Planning Services Division, responded that the current scope of work (or the list of issues under consideration for plan/code amendments) was included in the agenda packet, and that it was an updated version (with four more issues added) to the original scope approved by the Commission in July 2021. He indicated that the scope may be further revised (with additions, deletions, or modifications of issues) as staff proceeds with the analysis.

## 2. Nominations and Elections of Officers

Commissioners nominated Chris Karnes as Vice-Chair and Anna Petersen as Chair.

*Commissioner Strobel moved to re-elect Anna Petersen as Chair of the Planning Commission. Commissioner Torrez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

*Commissioner Torrez moved to elect Chris Karnes as Vice-Chair of the Planning Commission. Commissioner Strobel seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following votes:*

*Ayes – Karnes, Petersen, Strobel, and Torrez*

*Abstain – Givens*

## G. Upcoming Meetings (Tentative Agendas)

(1) Agenda for the October 11, 2021, joint special meeting includes:

- Several Commissioners will participate in the Equity Training Pilot Program on October 11, 2021, 4:00-7:00 p.m., conducted by the Office of Equity and Human Rights.

(2) Agenda for the October 20, 2021, meeting includes:

- Neighborhood Planning Program Update
- Climate Change Action Plan Discussion

## H. Communication Items

The Commission acknowledged receipt of communication items on the agenda.

(1) Status Reports by Commissioners – TOD Advisory Group, Housing Equity Taskforce.

- Commissioner Karnes reported that the Transit-Oriented Development Advisory Group (TODAG) is considering new avenues or a new mandate from the City Council to update what TODAG's scope of work should be going forward.

(2) Brian Boudet, Planning Division Manager, informed the Commission of the following:

- The City Council held the public hearing on the Tideflats Non-Interim Regulations, as recommended by the Planning Commission and modified by the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee, and a de-briefing will be held during the City Council study session on October 12, 2021.

## I. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

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