

City of Buckley
Planning Commission Minutes
May 4, 2009

Chairperson Snellback called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

The following members were present: McCorkle, and Panasiuk. Dorn and Maas were absent. Also in attendance was Associate Planner Suraiya Rashid.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

McCorkle moved to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2009 commission meeting. Panasiuk seconded the motion and the motion carried. There was a mix up for the minutes so the April 20, 2009 minutes will approved at the next meeting.

Landscaping Regulations Cont'd

Rashid stated what she did with the regulations is the items that were changed from the last meeting; those are highlighted in a darker gray and the lighter gray is things that are new. She added several definitions based on the last discussion. McCorkle had a question about the definition of parking lot. It was the commission's decision to leave it as is. Snellback had a question about the definition of rain gardens; she thinks it needs a little work. Rashid stated she would change the definition to "a natural drainage technique which functions through a shallow depression sized".

Rashid stated the next big issue was the Parking Lot Canopy Buffers. The commission felt the changes were good. Rashid stated the one other thing that was changed was the removal of the word "pruning" under 19.29.060 (5)(f).

Section 19.29.060 (7), Snellback asked if this is where we discussed having them keep the existing trees on the property especially if they were native to the area. Rashid stated what this says is all existing trees have to be maintained on site unless its removal is mitigated, she didn't hear at the last meeting that it was a requirement for a certain percentage to stay on site. Discussion ensued. It was decided remove the mitigation technique approved by the Planning Department through SEPA review.

Snellback asked about talking to fellow Planning Commission members on certain issues. Rashid stated to be safe; you shouldn't talk to any planning commission members or city Council members about anything that the city is discussing or making decisions on.

Landscaping Regulations Public Hearing Date

The public hearing will be scheduled for June 15, 2009.

Comprehensive Plan Update Scheduling

Rashid stated we will be starting to look at comprehensive plan updates for final adoption by Council by 2011. The commission will cancel the meeting for June 1st and have the next meeting on June 15, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

The next meeting will be May 18, 2009.

With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Kathleen Snellback, Chairperson