

PLANNING COMMISSION
STUDY SESSION
Shoreline Master Program
March 15, 2012 - 6 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Todd Voth, Charles Hepburn, Vicki Heimark, Steve Schield, Todd Lengenfelder, and Rick Penhallurick

Staff Present: Anne Henning, Billie Jo Muñoz, Daniel Leavitt, and Sue Mahaney

The study session was called to discuss the Shoreline Master Program.

There was discussion by the Commission and the following changes were made:

There were no changes to Chapter 3, Inventory and Analysis.

The following changes were made to Chapter 5, Goals:

Shoreline Use Goal: change to Protect private property rights first in this goal.

The following changes were made to Chapter 6, General Policies and Regulations:

6-10 Policy 1. Discussed amending the second line to read “use or activity without major net loss. It was pointed out that the Department of Ecology standards stated that “the new environmental protection standards for updated shoreline master programs is no net loss of shoreline ecological functions”. It was also pointed out that any loss of shoreline ecological functions can be mitigated. It was determined that no change be made at this time.

6-10 Policy 2. f. A definition of “natural character” was requested. Staff will provided a definition in the future. This sentence was changed to read “The natural character of the shoreline area. ~~including ecological function and aesthetics.~~”

6-10 Policy 3. It was the consensus to change this sentence to read “Any use or activity that cannot be mitigated ~~designed and managed~~ to prevent degradation of shoreline ecological resource and to protect the integrity of the shoreline environment should be prohibited.”

6-10 Policy 10. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to delete this paragraph in its entirety.

6-20-020 Policy 3. Change to read “For sites in areas documented to contain archaeological and historic resources, a site inspection and evaluation by a cultural resource management professional should be required before issuance of any permits or exemptions and the property owner shall be reimbursement by the tribal agency requiring the archaeological study.”

6-20-020 Policy 4. Change to read “Where practical, access to identified historic or archaeological sites should be made available to the public at public expense. Such public access should be designed and managed to protect the resources.”

6-20-030 Regulation 2 Change to read “An evaluation and a report meeting the minimal reporting standards of DAHP, prepared by a cultural resource management professional who meets the qualification standards promulgated by the National Park Service and published in 36 CFR Part 61, shall be required before the start of any ground disturbance work in any area known to contain archaeological or historic resources. The City may require such an evaluation prior to the issuance

of any shoreline permit or shoreline exemption. The property owner required to provide such evaluation shall be reimbursement by the tribal agency requiring the archaeological study.”

6-20-030 Regulation 5. Delete in its entirety.

6-30-020-B Regulation 3a. Delete all provisions related to 15' building setback from critical area buffer.

It was suggested that the Commission concentrate on the regulations. Any changes in the regulations made by the Commission will be reflected in the policies by staff.

The study session adjourned at 7 p.m.