

BELLINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

City Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 Lottie Street - www.cob.org

PUBLIC HEARING

THURSDAY, July 14, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting will be video-taped and audio-recorded

II. ROLL CALL - Absent: Kurt Baumgarten

Tom Barrett (Chair), Sharon Robinson (Vice-Chair), Kurt Baumgarten, Edie Norton, Danne Neill, Tom Grinstad, and Jeff Brown

III. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES

Minutes from April 28, May 12, June 2, and June 9, 2011 were all approved with corrections.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Two citizens addressed the Planning Commission. The first spoke about the abundance of temporary signage throughout Bellingham and the distraction it causes to drivers. The second citizen agreed with the first and expressed her support for the removal of the visual pollution.

V. PUBLIC HEARING - Staff Contact: Katie Franks – (360) 778-8388 or kfranks@cob.org

ZON2011-00002: A public hearing to consider the update of the Sehome Neighborhood Plan and corresponding BMC zoning table amendments. The area included in the proposal is the Sehome Neighborhood, which is approximately bounded by Boulevard; State, Forest, Holly, Ellis, Otis Oak, Garden, and Cedar and Maple Streets; Samish Way, Interstate-5, Byron Avenue, Bill McDonald Parkway, and the Sehome Hill Arboretum.

MOTION: Tom Grinstad moved to adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Recommendations contained in the July 14, 2011 staff report, as amended by discussion, and forward a recommendation of approval for the proposed Sehome Neighborhood Plan to City Council. **SECONDED. VOTE: ALL AYES**

VI. GENERAL BUSINESS

Planning Director's Report - Jeff Thomas commented that the code amendments, worked on earlier in the year by the Commission, have been heard by City Council. He requested that staff make the changes discussed this evening in track changes and have them reviewed by Chair Barrett.

Jeff Thomas announced that the work continues to be collaborative on the Waterfront District Plan.

VII. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

July 21, 2011 – Public Hearing on the proposed Electric Car Code Amendments.

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

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