

## **PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**

### **April 4, 2007**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Stead. Commissioners present were George Stead, Tom Whitson, Henry James, Robert Allen, Kevin Fiske, and Jennifer Ange. Jim Wilmer and Planner Bill Trimm had excused absences. Deputy Clerk Jill Massa was also present.

#### **MINUTES: March 7, 2007**

The minutes of March 7, 2007 were approved as written.

#### **DISCUSSION: General Updates, Use of Private Covenants**

Chair Stead called attention to the newspaper article distributed to the Planning Commission regarding the House of Representatives recognition of Bill Trimm for his outstanding work on the Mill Creek Town Center. More favorable comments followed.

Deputy Clerk Jill Massa provided an update on the status of three short plats on the Widing, Krebs and Gregg properties. She noted that the Gregg Short Plat had been recorded, the Widing property was in the SEPA process and Krebs was finalizing their Grading and Drainage plan for resubmittal.

Commissioners discussed property owners obtaining a building permit prior to short plat approval, efforts in other cities to control development, possible influence on the Planning Commission's short plat decision when a property owner states they have a pending building permit, other lots in Town that may be sold and subdivided, private covenants, conservation easements, and regulations that assist with retaining 2-acre zoning.

The Commissioners were in agreement that they felt it was not appropriate to allow submittal of a building permit prior to approval of a final short plat. It was recommended the building permit and subdivision code be revised to reflect this change.

#### **RESIGNATION:**

Commissioner Henry James stated that this would be his last meeting due to travel plans and his move to Edmonds. Other members thanked him for his dedication and thoughtful approach to issues facing the Commission over his 3+ year tenure. Chair Stead also congratulated Mr. James on his perfect attendance record.

#### **MEETING SCHEDULE:**

It was agreed to temporarily reschedule Planning Commission meetings to the second Wednesday of each month through September 2007 due to scheduling conflicts. Commissioners agreed to discuss undergrounding utilities at a future meeting.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None**

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Jill Massa  
Secretary to the Planning Commission

**APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

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George Stead, Chairman

(These minutes reflect what was said at the Planning Commission Meeting. Publication does not vouch for the veracity of these statements.)