

**City of Gig Harbor Planning Commission
Work Study Session
Planning and Building Conference Room
May 17, 2012
5:00 pm**

PRESENT: Harris Atkins, Craig Baldwin, Reid Ekberg, Jim Pasin, Bill Coughlin and Rick Gagliano. Michael Fisher was absent.

STAFF PRESENT: Staff: Tom Dolan and Jennifer Kester

CALL TO ORDER: at 5:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Pasin asked that on the 3rd page in the next to the last paragraph the sentence stating he had said that not much staff time had been spent on this issue, be stricken as he did not think he had said that. Mr. Atkins asked that on the 2nd page, the words "like a" be added prior to the words "food supplement" in his comments. Mr. Gagliano said he had said "limited" rather than "outdated" in the fourth paragraph on page three.

MOTION: Move to approve the minutes of May 3rd, 2012 as amended – Pasin/Ekberg - Motion carried.

WORK STUDY SESSION:

Medical Cannabis Collective Gardens

Mr. Atkins stated that after the last meeting he had given this some thought and would like to revisit this issue and distributed a memo to the commission outlining the possible options on this issue. He then went over Initiative 502. Mr. Gagliano asked about the option for extending the existing interim regulations and how that would work. Ms. Kester explained that the Planning Commission will have to take the issue up again when the extension ends. Mr. Gagliano pointed out that extending the regulations would also give us an opportunity to see what happens with the cities that prohibited collective gardens.

Mr. Dolan noted that he had consulted with the City Attorney on her recommendation on extending the interim ordinance and she indicated that she could recommend to the City Council that the extension would be appropriate and carry little risk.

Ms. Kester went over the possible locations for a collective garden in the ED zone.

Mr. Ekberg voiced his concern for spending any further time on this issue and stated that he still felt that they should make the interim ordinance permanent. Mr. Coughlin

stated that he felt they just didn't have enough information to do anything but extend the interim ordinance. Mr. Baldwin agreed.

Discussion followed on what would be required for a collective garden to be started on a site in the ED.

MOTION: Move to recommend to City Council that the interim ordinance be extended. Pasin/Coughlin –

Discussion followed on the reasons for this recommendation. Mr. Gagliano said that the reasons are clear from the last meeting. Mr. Pasin said that the upcoming initiative had a great influence. Mr. Atkins pointed out that the location of them in the ED is also a concern.

The motion passed with 4 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Kester stated that she had been working on the housekeeping amendments and various additions to those and therefore had not been able to work on the zoning code amendments.

She briefed the commission on changes to state law regarding the timelines for approval of preliminary plats and final plats.

Ms. Kester stated that Dawn Stanton will be at their next meeting to present the inventory and characterization report on the downtown. Discussion continued on what is being referred to as the "common sense amendments". She then went over the visioning committee's work and how the open house on June 27th might be organized.

Mr. Gagliano briefed everyone on the work that is being done by a group of students in creating a model of the downtown.

Discussion continued on the methods for gathering people's ideas on the downtown vision. Mr. Atkins suggested that perhaps the visioning committee could have a booth at the Maritime Gig to gather ideas and opinions.

Mr. Coughlin asked for a status update on the kayak club storage at the city park. Mr. Dolan updated everyone and stated that the matter will be going before the parks commission. Discussion followed on the potential for having some public kayak storage.

MOTION: Move to adjourn. Pasin/Ekberg – Motion carried.