

**City of Gig Harbor Planning Commission
Work Study Session
Civic Center
July 18, 2013
5:00 pm**

PRESENT: Harris Atkins, Reid Ekberg, Craig Baldwin, Rick Gagliano, Pam Peterson, Bill Coughlin and Jim Pasin.

STAFF PRESENT: Staff: Lindsey Sehmel, Lita Dawn Stanton and Jennifer Kester

5:00 p.m. - Call to order, roll call

Approval of minutes

MOTION: Move to approve the minutes of June 20, 2013 as written.
Pasin/Gagliano – motion carried.

WORK-STUDY SESSION

Ms. Kester gave an overview of the public hearing on the 4 amendments before the City Council on the previous Monday. She noted that there was some opposition. She is meeting with various Councilmembers to talk about the effect of these proposed amendments. Ms. Kester then went over what will occur at the second reading of the ordinance at the next council meeting.

Harbor Vision Policies – Review of the draft element responding to recommended changes and edits from the 6/20/13 meeting. Addressing organization and additional comments.

Mr. Atkins stated that he was asking the commission to step back and look at whether the goals they were proposing were in line with the vision. Ms. Sehmel suggested that they take turns voicing their opinions on whether the entire vision had been addressed or should be addressed in another section. They decided to go through each section of the vision and where it was addressed within the Comprehensive Plan goals. Ms. Sehmel read each goal and the commission discussed and decided which of the vision statements the goal supported.

It was decided to discuss what other goals were needed to be included. Mr. Gagliano noted that the walkability portion of the vision has not been addressed. Downtown pedestrian amenities were discussed. Parking was mentioned as something that had not been addressed. Mr. Gagliano also added that mixed use should be added as a goal as well, along with added activity in the evening. It was also suggested to add a goal regarding moorage and a buoy system. Increased residential density was also discussed as a possible goal. Ms. Sehmel mentioned that perhaps a goal should be written that addresses parks in the harbor.

Ms. Sehmel said she would work on this additional language and get a draft out to them early for their review. She also updated the commission on the marijuana policies that will be coming before them soon. Additionally she asked that they get any of their grammatical/wording changes to her prior to the next meeting. Discussion followed on how the public hearing should be structured for August 15th.

MOTION: Move to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. Gagliano/Peterson – Motion carried.