

I. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Public Participation Information

The City of Auburn Planning Commission Meeting was held in person and virtually.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Roland called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Auburn City Hall, 25 West Main Street.

A. ROLL CALL/ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Commissioners present: Chair Judi Roland, Hanan Amer, and Kent Sprague, Dimitri Moutzouris attended virtually. Vice Chair Stephens, Commissioner Mason, and Commissioner Berry were excused.

Staff members present: Senior Planner Josh Steiner, Planning Services Manager Jeff Dixon, Senior City Staff Attorney Doug Ruth, and Deputy City Clerk Hannah Scholl.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Roland led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

Comment from the audience on any proposal for action by the Commission. If the comment is related to an action subsequently listed here as a public hearing, the comment should be provided at the time of the public hearing.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. November 8, 2022 Minutes from the Regular Planning Commission Meeting

Commissioner Sprague moved and Commissioner Amer seconded to approve the November 8, 2022, minutes.

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V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Auburn Downtown Plan Update (Steiner)

Consultants and Staff will provide an update on the project, including draft land use scenarios under consideration.

Planner Josh Steiner introduced Katy Saunders Project Manager with MAKERS Architecture. She provided the Commission with an update of the Auburn Downtown Plan including the downtown study areas, engagement feedback and upcoming engagement events, existing condition findings, the plan concept, EIS alternatives, preliminary proposed zone updates, land use and economic development goals and objectives, transportation goals and objectives, urban design and community livability goals and objectives.

The Commission discussed multimodal access, the growth boundaries, residential areas, business growth, parking minimum requirements, transportation studies, Sound Transit parking garage, shuttle systems and potential routes, bicycles, downtown events, Downtown Auburn Cooperative, downtown population, diversity in Auburn, and the Public Hearing process.

VI. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Planning Services Manager Jeff Dixon provided the Commission with an update on Clarion Hotel including Compass Housing Alliance, permits, intended opening date, number of occupants, and behavior protocols; an update of the Lea Hill/Bridges Annexation including the Home Owner's Association voting in favor of de-annexation from Kent, and the requirements for action. The City is fully staffed in the Planning Services section, and Commissioner Mason will not seek reappointment for the new year.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday January 4th, 2023.

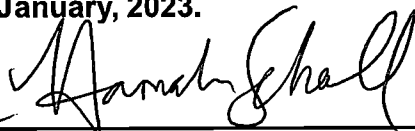
The Commission discussed the screening process for the Clarion Hotel.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Planning Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

APPROVED this 4th day of January, 2023.


JUDI ROLAND, CHAIR


Hannah Scholl, Deputy City Clerk

The City of Auburn Planning Commission is a seven member advisory body that provides