



## **MINUTES** (Approved on 5-1-13)

**Time:** Wednesday, April 17, 2013, 4:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Room 16, Tacoma Municipal Building North  
**Present:** Donald Erickson (Chair), Tina Lee (Vice-Chair), Theresa Dusek, Benjamin Fields, Sean Gaffney, Mark Lawlis, Erle Thompson, Scott Winship  
**Excused:** Matthew Nutsch

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Erickson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and declared a quorum present.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of April 3, 2013 meeting were approved as submitted.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **1. 2013 Annual Amendment**

Lihuang Wung, Brian Boudet, Dustin Lawrence, Stephen Atkinson and Cheri Gibbons, Planning Services Division, facilitated the Commissioners' review of the public comments received during the March 2013 public hearing process concerning the Proposed Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code for 2013 ("2013 Annual Amendment"), as compiled in the *Public Comments and Staff Responses and Suggestions Report*. The Commission generally concurred with the responses to comments and the post-hearing modifications to the 2013 Annual Amendment as suggested by staff.

The Commission requested staff to provide additional information or consider further modifications pertaining to certain issues, such as:

- Modifying the plan language concerning the Bayside Trail, "active industry", and "waterfront-oriented use" as contained in the Public Access Alternatives Plan and the Tacoma Waterfront Design Guidelines;
- Modifying the sign regulations concerning the number of digital signs allowed per site;
- Modifying the definition of "motor vehicles" in the drive-through regulations to incorporate bicyclists;
- Modifying the requirement pertaining to the establishment of the application deadline for annual amendments; and
- Modifying the language pertaining to "focused geographic areas" where public information signs would be required to be installed for certain plan amendment actions.

The Commission decided to continue the discussion, finalize its deliberations, and consider making a recommendation to the City Council at the next meeting on May 1, 2013.

**COMMUNICATION ITEMS AND OTHER BUSINESS**

- (a) The Commission acknowledged receipt of information regarding the public hearing on April 25, 2013 concerning the *Draft South Downtown Subarea Plan and Environmental Impact Statement*, and the Sustainable Tacoma Commission's meeting on April 25, 2013 concerning STAR (Sustainability Tools for Assessing and Rating Communities).
- (b) The Commission reviewed the tentative agenda for the May 1, 2013 meeting, and suggested the following items: the 2013 Annual Amendment, the Schuster Corridor Multi-Use Trail, and the public hearing concerning the Sands' Application for the Open Space Current Use Assessment.
- (c) Mr. Boudet reported that the Council's Environment and Public Works Committee received a status report on the 2013 Annual Amendment on April 10, 2013, and that the Committee was very engaged in the discussion, and appreciative of the Planning Commission's work, on the many important issues contained in the amendment package.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.