

City Council
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

March 9, 2017 Meeting

The Community Development Committee met on March 9, 2017 with Councilmember Conrad Ryer, Elizabeth Callaghan and Dottie Gorsuch as well as Ryan C. Larsen Community Development Director present. A member from the public was also present – Kathy Wooten.

Community Development Director Ryan Larsen reviewed and discussed the following items with the Committee:

1. Elect Chair of Committee

The Committee started the meeting by electing a chair. The Committee support Councilmember Callaghan as the chair.

2. 2016 / 2017 Comprehensive Plan Amendments

City staff review the proposed changes for the 2016/2017 Comprehensive Plan Amendments. Following the adoption of the 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update, PSRC reviewed and issued a “Plan Review Report and Certification Recommendation”. This report conditionally certified the City’s Comprehensive Plan with a requirement to address consistency between the number of additional housing units accommodated by the plan and the population and housing targets adopted by Snohomish County.

PSRC’s Plan Review Report states, “The adopted comprehensive plan references insufficient development capacity to accommodate the growth targets and assumes a lower level of growth, with the plan providing for land uses and densities that can accommodate an additional 3,370 residents and 1,355 housing units. This points to a shortfall of housing capacity of 238 units”.

The City addressed these issues raised in the conditional certification by PSRC through revisions to the Land Use Element and Appendix C.

3. Miscellaneous issues

City staff also discussed a couple of other issues with the Committee. The first issue was regarding a comment from Councilmember Wennerberg at the February 23, 2017 City Council meeting about removal of private sewage treatment facility from the permitted use table. The Committee understood the comment for staff to begin the process to remove these types of facilities from the table. Staff indicated that they would immediately begin the process to change the land use table. The second issue was regarding the Traditional Neighborhood (TN) zone and the zoning standards table. Staff indicated that the TN zone is the only zone with a minimum density requirement. Staff asked the Committee if they could support the change to eliminate the minimum requirement and they incated that they could support the change.

Elizabeth Callaghan, Chair