

**CITY OF MEDINA**  
**Special Planning Commission Meeting**

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November 12, 2014  
6:00 p.m.

Medina City Hall Council Chambers  
501 Evergreen Point Road

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Planning Commission meeting of November 12, 2014, was called to order at 6:27 PM by Chair Nunn.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Chair Heija Nunn, Jeanne Carlson, Peter May, Mark Nelson, Peter Papano, Randy Reeves and Shawn Schubring

Absent:

Staff Present: Robert Grumbach, Development Services Director  
Donna Goodman, Development Services Coordinator  
Michael Sauerwein, City Manager  
Tom Early, City Tree Consultant

Tree Committee: Alex Morcos, Council Member  
David Lee, Council Member  
Robert Rudolph

**ANNOUNCEMENTS (6:28 PM)**

Grumbach announced that the City Council passed the 2015 budget at their last meeting. He also shared that Development Services Coordinator, Donna Goodman, will be retiring next month.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (6:30 PM)**

The following residents testified:

- Martha Woodman expressed concern with vegetation that is allowed to grow uncontrolled and block views. She described her experience obtaining a tree trimming permit for public right-of-way trees and the costs involved. Woodman conveyed her belief that it is unreasonable for the city to expect citizens to maintain the uncontrolled growth of city trees.
- Steve Burnstead voiced his concern that regardless of any tree code amendments to be made, the newly adopted Shoreline Management Program would still require that trees be maintained within the shoreline setback areas. He conveyed his frustration that residents are not able to manage trees on their own properties without exorbitant payments into the city's tree fund.

- Mariette Patterson asked about the poplars on 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE between NE 12<sup>th</sup> Street and NE 24<sup>th</sup> Street. She noted that they have dead tops and that they drop branches during wind storms. She asked whose responsibility it would be if someone were injured.

Commissioner Nelson suggested Ms. Patterson meet with the City Manager to get an answer to her question.

Grumbach responded to Burnstead's comments regarding the SMP, clarifying the rules for tree mitigation in the shoreline jurisdiction.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### 1) Phase Two Tree Code Update Discussion

Grumbach distributed copies of the City of Clyde Hill's urban forest management plan, which had been discussed at the previous meeting. He also shared updated copies of the commission's work program which outlined upcoming discussion items relative to the tree code in order to achieve an orderly approach to the discussion.

Grumbach presented the written draft Purpose and Intent statements, noting that the purpose statement had been made intentionally concise, and was followed with the intent statements which had been modified from the current code.

A lengthy discussion followed on the purpose and intent statements, drawing in elements including definitions, property rights, fostering educational values, the tree canopy and other types of vegetation.

Direction was given to Grumbach for revisions to be made for the next meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION CARLSON / SECOND NELSON TO ADJOURN THE NOVEMBER 12, 2014, SPECIAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING. APPROVED 7 - 0. (8:25 PM)
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The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 18, 2014, at 6:00 PM.

Minutes taken by:



Donna Goodman  
Development Services Coordinator