

CITY OF SHORELINE

SHORELINE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING

July 21, 2022
7:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present

Chair Pam Sager
Vice Chair Julius Rwamashongye
Commissioner Janelle Callahan (remote)
Commissioner Andy Galuska
Commissioner Mei-shiou Lin
Commissioner Christopher Mosier

Staff Present

Rachel Markle, Planning Director
Andrew Bauer, Planning Manager
Cate Lee, Senior Planner
Julie Ainsworth-Taylor, Assistant City Attorney
Carla Hoekzema, Planning Commission Clerk

Commissioners Absent

Commissioner Leslie Brinson

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sager called the public hearing of the Shoreline Planning Commission to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Hoekzema called the roll.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as presented.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no general public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING: OUTDOOR SEATING DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENTS

Chair Sager stated the purpose and process of the hearing. The public hearing was opened at 7:02 p.m.

Staff Presentation: Senior Planner Cate Lee made the staff presentation. She explained that interim regulations started in July of 2020 with the purpose of allowing increased flexibility with the ongoing

COVID-19 pandemic. Five businesses have filed outdoor seating registrations on private property. Two of those continue to be in use. An online survey was held from March through April of this year. In April, staff met with a small focus group consisting of three local business owners. The results of both the survey and the small focus group helped to inform the proposed development code amendments. On June 8 the City determined that the proposed amendments would not have an adverse impact on the environment and issued a SEPA determination of non-significance. In response to that, the City received a comment from Seattle/King County Public Health with a suggested addition to the proposed development code amendments related to ventilation of the spaces. City staff has incorporated part of the suggested language into the updated proposed code amendments.

The draft code is intended to be simple with flexible regulations. The area must comply with other applicable regulations. It would only be allowed with associated eating or drinking use. It allows for conversion of off-street parking. There are design standards for furniture elements included in the space. No additional off-street parking is required for creation of these spaces. It allows for conversion of some off-street parking to a seating area. Ms. Lee reviewed the new language regarding ventilation and outlined next steps.

Public Testimony: The public testimony portion of the hearing was opened at 7:06 p.m. Public comments were solicited. Seeing none, the public testimony portion of the hearing was closed at 7:06 p.m.

COMMISSIONER MOSIER MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED OUTDOOR SEATING DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENTS IN ATTACHMENT A AND FORWARD THEM TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR REVIEW AND ADOPTION. VICE CHAIR RWAMASHONGYE SECONDED THE MOTION.

Commissioner Mosier spoke in support of the amendments. Vice Chair Rwamashongye also spoke in support of the amendments. He thinks this supports both vibrancy and public health. Commissioner Galuska thanked staff for their work and specifically for the outreach to business owners. Chair Sager said she appreciated the addition of the ventilation piece. She also thanked staff for all the work done on this.

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Staff reviewed the agenda for the upcoming retreat which is scheduled for August 4. Commissioners should respond to staff with preferences regarding the time and dietary information.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.



Pam Sager
Chair, Planning Commission



Carla Hoekzema
Clerk, Planning Commission