

# Tukwila Tree and Environment Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

## Meeting 4, December 19, 2012

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Sean Albert, Nancy Eklund, Sharon Mann, De'Sean Quinn, Don Scanlon, David Shumate, Heidi Watters

**Committee Members Absent:** Christian Faltenberger, Stephen Reilly, Kathleen Wilson

**Members of the Public in Attendance:** Brooke Alford

**Staff in Attendance:** Carol Lumb, Sandra Whiting, Nora Gierloff

The meeting began at 6:05 p.m.

### Topics of Discussion:

1. Welcome to Committee members and visitors.
2. Public comment: (Time will be set aside at the beginning of each meeting for brief public comments; the Committee is meeting in work session format, therefore, questions or comments from the public that come up during the course of the meeting should be directed to staff via e-mail or telephone calls after the meeting.)

There was no public comment.

3. Check-in with Committee members: The Chair asked if Committee members have any questions or comments from the previous meeting that they wanted to discuss
  - The Committee had continued comments about Comprehensive Plan goals and policies – this discussion is reflected below.
  - The Committee welcomed new member Sharon Mann, who is the new Planning Commission representative to the Committee, replacing David Shumate who is moving out of state.
4. Housekeeping:
  - The Committee approved the meeting notes from the 11-28-12 meeting with no corrections/revisions.
5. Goals and Policies: The Committee continued its discussion of the goals and policies for the natural environment, reviewing the 12/11/12 draft provided in the materials for the 12/19/12 meeting. The following guidance on additions/revisions to goals and policies was provided by the Committee:
  - More detailed goals and policies for hillside development and flood control need to be included – the City of Puyallup Comprehensive Plan goals, policies and objectives were provided as an example of more detailed Comprehensive Plan language.
  - Make sure that there is a goal/policy of no net loss for wetlands (note: there is already a policy – second bullet down in Wetland, Watercourses and Fish Habitat section that addresses NNL).

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- More emphasis should be placed on educating Tukwila residents on tree canopy, yard care, pesticide use etc.
- The policies should be written to include statements on how they will be implemented, or a separate implementation section should be considered. Staff indicated they think having a section that addresses implementation on a chapter-wide basis would be more useful than the current approach in the Natural Environment Chapter.
- Is there an opportunity to use Channel 21 to inform the public about environmental regulations?
- A reference should be added to shoreline goals and policies, which are located in another chapter of the Comprehensive Plan.
- Include (at least for now) footnotes or some way to indicate what regulations implement the policies.
- Provide on-going training opportunities for City staff on environmental stewardship.

The Committee discussion concluded after the first bullet on the third page of the nine page goals and policies document.

It was agreed that staff should indicate in black the changes already discussed and approved by the Committee and show other changes in strike-out/underline.

6. **Check in** – the Chair asked if there were any questions that the Committee has that need to be addressed before the close of the meeting.

Staff was asked about the schedule for the Committee's work to review the Natural Environment goals and policies – the Committee is behind schedule according to the time line provided at the second meeting. There may need to be adjustments to the review schedule to complete the tasks identified in the Resolution establishing the Advisory Committee.

7. The meeting closed at 8:00 pm.

8. **Action Items for staff follow-up:**

- a. Staff will provide the Committee with proposed revisions to Natural Environment goals based on the direction provided 12-19-12.
- b. Staff will provide a cross reference in the Natural Environment chapter regarding the shoreline master program.
- c. Staff will indicate which regulations implement the policies.