

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Recognition of Outgoing Planning Commissioners
DEPARTMENT: Planning and Development Services
PRESENTED BY: Rachael Markle, Planning Manager

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

Tonight the City Council will honor two outgoing Planning Commissioners, Marlin Gabbert and Brian Doennebrink.

Mr. Gabbert was appointed to Shoreline's first Planning Commission on October 23, 1995. He served as chair from 2000-2002 and vice chair from 1999-2000. As an architect, Mr. Gabbert's design acumen and experience working with other jurisdictions provided a useful perspective for reviewing planning policies and development regulations. Mr. Gabbert served on the Commission during the development and adoption of the Comprehensive Plan, the City's first Development Regulations, North City Subarea Plan and numerous land use actions. Serving on the Commission since its inception in 1995, Mr. Gabbert was often able to provide important historical context to aid in the Commission's decision making process.

Mr. Doennebrink was appointed on April 6, 2000 and served one full term. He served as the chair of the Commission from 2002-2004 and vice chair from 2001-2002. Under Mr. Doennebrink's chairmanship the Commission worked on consensus building by conducting the Commission's first retreat and adopting groundrules for the Commission and audience. In addition, Mr. Doennebrink developed a brochure to aid the public in understanding the role of the Commission and how to provide public testimony and written comments to the Commission and staff. During Mr. Doennebrink's chairmanship, the Commission worked on refining the cottage housing regulations, development of the Gateway Manual and the City's first Master Plan at the First NE Transfer Station.

Planning Commissioners are volunteers that devote at a minimum two Thursday nights per month to attend meetings. The position involves a significant amount of reading and preparation for meetings. The issues discussed at the Planning Commission can be emotionally charged and often difficult to resolve. Being a planning commissioner is a challenging volunteer position. These individuals being honored tonight have truly served their community.

RECOMMENDATION

No action is required.

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney 

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