

## **CITY OF SHORELINE**

### **SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL SUMMARY MINUTES OF TOWN HALL VISIONING MEETING**

Thursday, January 8, 2009  
7:00 p.m.

Shoreline Conference Center  
Shoreline Room

**PRESENT:** Mayor Ryu, Deputy Mayor Scott, Councilmember Eggen,  
Councilmember McConnell, Councilmember McGlashan, and  
Councilmember Way

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Hansen

**GUESTS:** Sid Kuboi, Planning Commission Chair; Will Hall, Planning Commission  
Vice Chair; John Behrens, Commissioner, Janne Kaje, Commissioner;  
Michele Wagner, Commissioner

**CITY STAFF:** Bob Olander, City Manager; Julie Underwood, Assistant City Manager;  
Joe Tovar, Planning & Development Services Director; Rachael Markle,  
Assistant PADS Director; Marci Wright, Human Resources Director;  
Rob Beem, Community Services Manager; Tricia Juhnke, Capital  
Projects Manager; Debbie Tarry, Finance Director; David Levitan,  
Planner; Dan Pingrey, Police Chief, Carolyn Wurdeman, Executive  
Assistant; John Norris, Management Analyst; Scott Passey, City Clerk

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Ryu, who presided. Mayor Ryu welcomed the audience and explained that the purpose of the meeting is to assist in the development of the community's preferred vision for Shoreline's future.

Mayor Ryu then introduced Joe Tovar, Planning and Development Services Director, who further explained the purpose of the visioning process and the role of the Planning Commission. He noted that this shared community vision will serve as the guiding principles for the update of the Shoreline Comprehensive Plan, which is required by the state's Growth Management Act. He said that developing a vision statement is an important first step because the City must finish the Comprehensive Plan update by 2011.

The following members of the Planning Commission stood up and introduced themselves: Sid Kuboi, Planning Commission Chair; Will Hall, Planning Commission Vice Chair; John Behrens, Commissioner, Janne Kaje, Commissioner; Michele Wagner, Commissioner.

Continuing, Mr. Tovar explained that the vision statement, which is a statement of values, serves as a preamble to the Comprehensive Plan. He noted that it sets the tone and direction for the details that follow, and that it is a general statement as opposed to a detailed description. He stated that the vision is a future-tense statement, and the Framework Goals are the more detailed bullet-points that talk about how the vision is to be accomplished.

Responding to a question from the audience, Mr. Tovar explained that the State Office of Financial Management (OFM) provides accurate estimates on how many people are likely to move into the area; the Shoreline allocation simply means that we need to have the capacity to accommodate the growth estimates.

## 2. ROUNDTABLE CONVERSATIONS

Mr. Tovar then invited the audience to divide into small groups in order to provide feedback on the identified themes directly to Councilmembers and to one another in a roundtable format. This roundtable exercise lasted until 8:30 p.m.

## 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

At 8:30 p.m. Deputy Mayor Scott called for public comment.

(a) Bob Ransom, Shoreline, commented that allowing 10-story buildings on Aurora Avenue would help enhance economic development for Shoreline. He said taller buildings will encourage lots of businesses and jobs like is happening in Lynnwood and Bellevue. He said enhancing the business community helps bring down taxes and increases good paying jobs. He concluded that creating space for expansion on Aurora Avenue is preferable to expanding into existing neighborhoods.

(b) Liz Poitras, Shoreline, commented on the theme of “provide a diversity of active and passive recreation opportunities for all ages to gather and play.” She emphasized the need to consider the different ages we have in Shoreline, as well as the different ideas about passive and active recreation. She pointed out that not all areas will cater to every group of people.

(c) LaNita Wacker, Shoreline, concurred with Mr. Ransom’s comment, adding that economic development helps protect our tax base and provides employment. She thanked the City Council, Planning Commission, and City staff for all the work invested in this process. She said the creativity and resourcefulness has been outstanding.

(d) Saskia Davis, Shoreline, noted that this process may actually save Shoreline from becoming like Lynnwood or Bellevue. She said increasing the tax base doesn’t make us like them. She advocated for distributing services evenly and appropriately.

(e) Bill Clements, Shoreline, commented that the theme of “protecting natural areas” is being accomplished through property acquisitions made possible by the parks bond. He pointed out that there are other public lands in our community, as well as other partnering agencies such as the Shoreline School District. He noted that school district property is a potential resource.

(f) Roger Baker, Shoreline, noted that this seems like a quick process for designing a “constitution.” He advocated for including more people in designing the vision, as well as more convenient times for convening meetings. He spoke in favor of revisiting the vision statement on a regular basis.

(g) Richard Johnsen, Shoreline, said he wants to see the process continued because we’ve really just gotten started. He said other cities and entities will take an interest when they see what we are doing. He pointed out that not everything has been “hashed out” or answered sufficiently, so further discussion is needed.

(h) Bob Phelps, Shoreline, expressed thanks to the staff for their hard work on this process.

4. MAYOR’S CLOSING REMARKS

Mayor Ryu thanked the public, the Councilmembers and staff for attending and for their honest feedback. She then outlined the next steps in the visioning process. The City Council and Planning Commission will meet jointly to review all of the community’s input, and the Council will provide direction to the Planning Commission about key points to include in preparing a draft Vision and Framework Goals. In early February, the Council and Commission will conduct a joint public hearing to hear additional public comment. Mayor Ryu concluded by stating that the goal is to review and approve the final Vision and Framework Goals by April 13, 2009.

5. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:55 p.m., Mayor Ryu declared the meeting adjourned.

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Scott Passey, City Clerk

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