

## **CITY OF SHORELINE**

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

Monday, March 2, 2009 – 6:45 p.m.  
Meridian Park Elementary School Cafeteria  
17077 Meridian Avenue N.

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

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Eggen

**GUESTS:** Will Hall, Vice Chair, Planning Commission; John Behrens, Planning Commissioner

**STAFF:** Julie Underwood, Assistant City Manager; Joe Tovar, Planning & Development Services Director; Rachael Markle, Assistant Director, Planning & Development Services; Ray Allshouse, Building Official; Debbie Tarry, Finance Director; David Levitan, Associate Planner; Eric Bratton, Management Analyst; Scott MacColl, Intergovernmental Programs Manager; Mark Mayuga, Economic Development Manager; Lynn Cheeney, Recreation Superintendent; Richard Moore, Human Resources Analyst; Scott Passey, City Clerk

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by Mayor Ryu, who presided. She invited the Councilmembers in attendance to stand and introduce themselves.

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. She highlighted the fact that the City has conducted 20 separate Community Conversation sessions, with over 400 people participating. Based on the various meetings and public feedback, the Planning Commission has crafted a draft Vision Statement and Framework Goals, which is the focus of tonight's meeting. She noted that a questionnaire is included that will help participants share their impressions of the Draft Vision.

Mayor Ryu then introduced Joe Tovar, Planning and Development Services Director, who further explained the purpose of the visioning process. He noted that this shared

community vision will serve as the guiding principles for the update of the Shoreline Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Tovar pointed out that the Planning Commission, not City staff, composed the draft statement. He noted that there were over 3,500 separate and discrete inputs submitted, which were structured into an understandable framework and translated into a narrative document. He said that the Vision Statement resides in the Comprehensive Plan as a preamble and it describes what Shoreline should be like in 2029. It described what is important, how land is used, how people get around, and what amenities Shoreline offers. He added that some aspects of the Vision are happening now, but other aspects will be realized in the future.

Mr. Tovar concluded his remarks by stating that the Framework Goals are succinct statements, or strategies, describing how we achieve the overall Vision. He noted that some of the objectives can be traced to the Council goals, including the Environmental Sustainability Strategy, the Economic Development Strategy, and the Comprehensive Housing Strategy.

## 2. ROUNDTABLE CONVERSATIONS

At 7:10 p.m., Mr. Tovar invited audience members to divide into small groups in order to fill out questionnaires and provide feedback on the Draft Vision Statement and Framework Goals. This exercise lasted until 8:10 p.m.

## 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

At 8:10 p.m. Deputy Mayor Scott called for public comment.

(a) Vicki Stiles, Director, Shoreline Historical Museum, read a letter drafted by herself and Nancy Frey, Director of the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council. The letter emphasized the importance of the arts, heritage, and culture as critical elements of the Vision Statement. She pointed out that the draft Vision does not mention any of these elements.

(b) Nancy Rust, Shoreline, commented favorably on the aspects of the statement with which she agreed, including the beach, the beautiful natural settings, and trees. She emphasized the need for a comprehensive tree ordinance. She said the Vision Statement must require tree restoration, not just encourage it.

(c) Dennis Lee, Shoreline, played a tune on his recorder.

## 4. MAYOR'S CLOSING REMARKS

Mayor Ryu thanked the public and Councilmembers and staff for attending. She then outlined the next steps in the visioning process. She said the City will accept additional comments until March 18. On March 19, the Planning Commission will review any

additional comments, after which a final draft will be available on March 27. She stated that the goal is to hold the final hearing and adopt the final Vision and Framework Goals on April 13, 2009.

5. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:19 p.m., Mayor Ryu declared the meeting adjourned.

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Scott Passey, City Clerk

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