

CITY OF SHORELINE
SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES OF WORKSHOP DINNER MEETING

Monday, November 24, 2008
6:00 p.m.

Shoreline Conference Center
Highlander Room

PRESENT: Mayor Cindy Ryu, Deputy Mayor Terry Scott, and Councilmembers Keith McGlashan, Chris Eggen, Janet Way, Doris McConnell, and Ron Hansen

ABSENT: none

STAFF: Bob Olander, City Manager; Julie Underwood, Assistant City Manager; Scott MacColl, Intergovernmental Programs Manager; Eric Bratton, Management Analyst; Joe Tovar, Planning & Development Services Director

GUEST: none

Mayor Ryu called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

Joe Tovar provided a review of the visioning process to date and timeline; he stressed that this is intended to be a reiterative process. The Town Hall Meeting on November 19 did generate some new ideas.

Bob Olander said that the next phase is to have the Council work with the Planning Commission and help them structure the framework goals. He recommends that the Council bring in an outside facilitator.

Mr. Tovar recommends a community check-in (giving the public a chance to react to the draft ideas) similar to a Town Hall Meeting followed by a workshop. In addition, a Council public hearing would be scheduled in order for the public to comment. Typically the Planning Commission would conduct the public hearing, but in this case, the Planning Commission is crafting a proposal for the Council so they would not be holding the public hearing. The Council would be the hearing body.

Mr. Olander said this not a traditional method of public process; the Council would work with the Planning Commission for a community check-in with the Commission. The Commission would have the responsibility for drafting the language; many were impressed with the Town Hall Meeting format and some Councilmembers said they'd like to do it again.

Councilmember Way stated that the Town Hall was a wonderful meeting and she was very pleased.

Councilmember Eggen complimented staff for bringing people together and said that he is hopeful that this process will be a way for the community to build consensus on tough community issues such as land use, density, heights, bulk, etc. Mr. Eggen asked staff to breakout the citizen input into more specific categories.

Deputy Mayor Scott stated that he felt the meeting was a success; the format worked well. He believes that some citizens would like to continue the dialogue since groups may not have discussed everything. He recommends a second town hall meeting in a similar format before the community check-in. As the City brings the community together to dialogue, whether they agree with each other or not, at least we are providing our residents with a chance to weigh in. He was pleased to see a lot of new faces. Mayor Ryu agreed that we did not have enough time to talk about all of the themes.

Mr. Olander agreed and said that it's invaluable for people to talk to each other; it helps to make people more tolerant and open to new ideas. Mr. Olander clarified that the objective for the second town hall meeting would be a continuation of the November 19 town hall meeting.

Mr. Tovar shared that originally he had targeted that the Council would adopt the vision and framework goals before Council's annual retreat in April/May.

The Council agreed that a second town hall meeting to continue the conversation would take place before the scheduled March 2 Community Check-in. Staff will review calendars and find a date for the second town hall meeting.

Mayor Ryu adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Julie Underwood, Assistant City Manager