

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: 2011 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket DEPARTMENT: Planning and Development Services PRESENTED BY: Joseph W. Tovar, FAICP, Director Steven Cohn, Senior Planner

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

The Growth Management Act directs cities to create a docket that lists the Comprehensive Plan amendments to be considered in this "once a year" review process. Council reviewed the proposed 2011 docket at its April 4 study session.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact to adopting the 2011 Comprehensive Plan docket. Items on the docket are reflected in current work program

RECOMMENDATION

Motion to adopt the 2011 Comprehensive Plan docket as presented.

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney ____

INTRODUCTION:

The State Growth Management Act limits review of proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments (CPAs) to no more than once a year. To ensure that the public can view the proposals within a citywide context, the Growth Management Act directs cities to create a docket that lists the amendments to be considered in a “once a year” review process. The City Council, in its review of the proposed amendments (which usually occurs near the end of the calendar year), looks at the proposed amendments as a package in order to consider the combined impacts of the proposals.

There are two exceptions to this “once a year” review. One exception applies to the first time adoption of a subarea plan, such as the Town Center Subarea Plan. The second applies to amendments adopted under an “emergency” authority, as was done with the Richmond Beach Road amendment the Council adopted in January of this year. The City Council is permitted to review and adopt these exceptions independent from the once a year rule.

Comprehensive Plan Amendments usually take two forms: Privately-initiated amendments and city-initiated amendments. This year, there were no privately-initiated amendments.

BACKGROUND:

With the exception of the Town Center Subarea Plan, the docketed amendments are tied to other work on functional (stand-alone) plans that the Council will see during the coming year. The Transportation, Parks, and Surface Water Master Plans are currently scheduled for review during the summer and early fall. Council is expected to see the Shoreline Master Program in the fall as well. The Town Center Subarea Plan is exempt from this process, and will be reviewed by the Council in the summer.

The Planning Commission reviewed the Draft 2011 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket on March 17, and forwarded it to the Council for review and adoption. Council reviewed the Commission recommendations at its April 4 study session. As well, the draft docket has been available to the public for several weeks. In addition to the Planning Commission review at a public meeting, the docket is posted on the Comprehensive Plan page of the City’s website, and the April issue of Currents includes an article about the 2011 docket. As of the date of this report, no public comment on the proposed docket has been received.

If the Council chooses, it may add, delete, or modify items on the docket. Adding items to the docket may affect timing of other work tasks on the Long-Range Planning Work Program.

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RECOMMENDATION

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ATTACHMENT:

1. Draft 2011 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket

DRAFT 2011 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT DOCKET

The State Growth Management Act generally limits the City to amend its Comprehensive Plan once a year and requires that it create a Docket (or list) of the amendments to be reviewed.

The following items are “docketed” and on the work plan for the Planning Commission’s review in 2011 (they are not listed in priority order):

1. Adopt Town Center Subarea Plan and delete Appendix 5 (Framework Policies for the Town Center Subarea Plan).

Estimated timeframe for Council review/adoption: Summer, 2011

2. Adopt goals and policies from Transportation, Parks, and Surface Water Master Plans into the Comprehensive Plan as replacement for existing goals and policies in their respective Plan Elements.

Estimated timeframe for Council review/adoption of Functional Plans: Summer/Fall 2011.

3. Adopt the goals and policies from the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) into a new Element. Delete Appendix 2 and 3 in the existing plan that were placeholders for a revised SMP.

Estimated timeframe for Council review/adoption of the SMP: Fall 2011.

The following items are included as information; they have been adopted by the City Council in 2011:

1. Amend the Point Wells Subarea Plan to reclassify Richmond Beach Drive and make associated change to Transportation Element Figure T-18 (Council Adoption - February 2011)
2. Add Aldercrest Subarea Plan and modify the Comprehensive Plan Map to reflect the new designation for the geography covered by the Plan. (Adoption - March 2011)