

Memorandum

To: Planning Commission
From: Pete Sullivan, 425-556-2406
Date: April 4, 2014
Subject: Zoning Code Amendment: Procedures for Establishing Scope of Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendments (LAND-2014-00275)

MEETING PREPARATION

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing and study session on the proposed Zoning Code amendment for docketing procedures on April 9, 2014.

BACKGROUND

The Commission held an initial study session on March 26, 2014. During the discussion Commissioners asked questions, and recommended language improvements to the proposed Zoning Code text changes for clarity. Commissioners also remarked that if the proposed amendment is adopted by City Council, further discussion between staff and Planning Commission should occur in order to identify the optimal approach for facilitating future public hearings related to the docket. One discussion issue was identified related to the use of the word “legal” in the proposed code amendment (Attachment A).

REVIEW SCHEDULE

A public hearing and study session is scheduled for April 9, and report approval is tentatively scheduled for April 16.

QUESTIONS

Please contact Pete Sullivan with any questions, (425-556-2406).

Issue / Commissioner	Discussion Notes	Status
<p>1. Using the word “legal” does not seem to fit well in criteria #4 in the proposed Zoning Code amendment. A future scenario could occur whereby the City wishes to add a proposed Comprehensive Plan amendment to the annual docket that is not strictly legal with all aspects of local, state and federal law, yet otherwise consistent with other docketing criteria. Suggest removing the word “legal” to avoid this dilemma, but retain the criteria to ensure that general compliance with existing laws is a consideration in future docketing.</p> <p><i>Miller</i></p>	<p><u>Staff comments</u></p> <p>Staff and City Attorney discussed the suggestion and concur. Proposed text changes to the Zoning Code will be modified accordingly.</p> <p><u>Commission Comments:</u></p>	<p>Opened 3/26/14</p> <p>Closed</p>