



## MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

*April 18, 2018*

*Council Chambers, City Hall  
833 S. Spruce Street, Burlington WA*

*Planning Commission Members:* Marianne Manville-Ailles, Chair; Jana Vater, Ken Frye, Jeff Anderson. Rock White and Sally Straathof, excused.

*Staff:* Brad Johnson, Senior Planner

### **COMPREHENSIVE UPDATE – DISCUSSION**

#### **Presentation on updated Participation Plan and Schedule**

Johnson gave a brief update on the revised public participation schedule along with a Planning Commission meeting schedule for comprehensive plan updates. All meetings will be held on regular scheduled meeting dates. The applicants on the docket will be notified of the public hearing.

### **COMPREHENSIVE UPDATE – DISCUSSION**

#### **Critical Areas planning overview**

Johnson gave a brief update on critical areas addressing flood hazards, fish and wildlife habitat, wetlands, conservation areas, geological hazardous areas, critical aquifer recharge areas and floodplains. We have to protect things like wetlands, water quality, geologically hazardous areas, and human health and safety. Burlington has well defined and significant critical areas such as Burlington Hill and Gages Slough, and our regulations should be tailored to our unique circumstances.

Staff has compiled a database of significant scientific information and drafted a report to be presented to the Planning Commission in June along with changes to the critical areas code.

Some of the changes include a set of regulations that are significantly straight forward; it should make it easier for staff and the development community. White asked if a walking/biking path along Gages Slough will be included in the plan. Johnson stated it will be in the open space plan in conjunction with updated Parks Plan.

### **HEARING EXAMINER UPDATE**

Johnson indicated that the Hearing Examiner, Sound Law Center, is now under contract. They will be in the process of developing rules of procedure and a workshop for the Planning Commission, City Council and staff is planned for May 8, 2018 at 3:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.