



This bulletin provides an update on all pending land use actions ranging from opportunities for citizen involvement and appeal of proposed development projects, to the meeting calendar for land use and planning related activities.



APPLICATIONS IN PROCESS

PLANNING COMMISSION – is scheduled for Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

- ♥ Public hearing on Shoreline Substantial Development Permit to construct a **nonmotorized trail under I-5 on the north side of Gages Slough**, constructed on rock filled gabions. Applicant is City of Burlington.
- ♥ Public hearing on **two proposed amendments to the sign code**, one to allow electronic gas price signs (Shell Station at corner of Rio Vista and Burlington Blvd) and one to allow a digital readerboard (Seven Day Adventist School on SR 20).
- ♥ Proposed two lot short plat at **891 Peterson Road**. Applicant is Don and Michelle Powers.
- ♥ Proposed rezone of 7.29 acres from M-1 Industrial to C-2 Heavy Commercial located at **1660, 1700 & 1740 Walnut Street** in the City of Burlington. Applicant is Jack Wallace.

CITY COUNCIL – February 28, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

- ♥ Public hearing Burlington City Council on to hear comments on a proposed ordinance relating to land use, zoning and interim controls; to extend the interim prohibition on marijuana dispensaries and to extend the interim ordinance to prohibit the creation of and participation in collective gardens to produce, process, transport or deliver cannabis for medical use, for six months.

Meetings are held in the City Council Chambers located at 833 S. Spruce Street, Burlington, WA



MEETING CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

- ♥ City Council meets on Thursday, February 28 and March 14 at 7:00 p.m.
- ♥ Planning Commission meets on Wednesday, February 20 at 7:00 p.m.
- ♥ Board of Adjustment - canceled.



CODE CHANGES & NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING ISSUES

Three major planning activities are in process this year, including:

- ♥ **Downtown Futures** – Next Steps – taking up the issues that are still in need of serious work, including directional and business signage, street improvements such as the 5-way intersection, and plans for community activities at Railroad Park.
- ♥ **Community Task Force** – the plan of action is to develop a Nonmotorized Plan to improve bicycle and pedestrian choices and connect all parts of the city and county. Both short term and long term ideas are on the table for discussion.
- ♥ **Commercial Redevelopment and Green Futures** – The UW Green Futures Lab will be conducting a Community Listening Session to hear your ideas and will be helping plan for the long term vision for the retail core in the I-5 corridor.

GAGES SLOUGH & SKAGIT RIVER CORRIDOR UPDATE

- ♥ Burlington is very fortunate to be served by Dike District #12. Their highest priority is to complete the levee upgrade along the eastern, upriver edge from the beginning of the levee at Lafayette Road to the Railroad Bridge at Whitmarsh Road. This will help keep flood insurance rates lower in the years to come, as well as ensuring substantially better flood protection.
- ♥ The plans to construct a nonmotorized trail under I-5 on the north side of Gages Slough by Cascade Mall are moving forward, combined with restoring the wetland buffer through that area. Construction is planned for late summer this year when the water level is low.
- ♥ Burlington is taking the right steps, so stay prepared for emergencies, take steps to prevent pollution when you wash your car, plant some trees, and be positive!

APPLICATIONS IN PROCESS WITH NO ACTION TAKEN

Contact the Planning Department at 755-9717 for more information on any project.

Burlington's Shoreline Master Program is slowly working its way through final review by the Department of Ecology. The final documents are available on the city's website:

http://www.ci.burlington.wa.us/page.asp_Q_directoryid_E_317_A_navigationid=317



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HOW TO GET INVOLVED

If you are interested in keeping up on events and issues in Burlington, please contact the Planning Department at 755-9717 or stop by the office at 833 South Spruce Street. If you have neighbors who are interested in what is happening, we will be happy to put them on our mailing list!

