

**CITY OF FIRCREST PLANNING COMMISSION  
RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

March 18, 2015  
6:00 PM

Fircrest City Hall  
115 Ramsdell Street

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Karen Patjens called the rescheduled regular meeting of the Fircrest Planning Commission to order at 6:01 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Kathy L. McVay, Jerry Foss, and Karen Patjens were present. Absent: None. Excused: Kenneth Halgren and Jim Otness. Staff present: Principal Planner Jeff Boers and Permit Coordinator/Code Compliance Officer Angelie Stahlnecker.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 26, 2015 were presented for approval.

**Moved by McVay and seconded by Foss to approve the minutes. Ayes: Kathy L. McVay, Jerry Foss, and Karen Patjens. Noes: None. Absent: None. Excused: Kenneth Halgren and Jim Otness. Motion carried.**

**CONTINUING BUSINESS**

**2015 GMA Update – Utilities and Transportation**

Principal Planner Jeff Boers introduced the draft Utilities Element and Transportation Element.

Discussion included the following:

- The two elements are required by GMA and need to meet specific state requirements and regional policy directives
- Some of the information related to current conditions and level of service still needs to be updated in coordination with Public Works
- Where possible, specific utility plans will be referenced in lieu of duplicated data in the Comprehensive Plan elements
- The elements are intended to show that transportation and utility services can provide for projected growth
- The GMA requires a description of utility services provided by the city, as well as by outside agencies
- The Transportation Element must be certified by PSRC as being consistent with VISION 2040

- The Commute Reduction Efficiency Act would require Fircrest to adopt and administer regulations to establish a commute trip reduction plan if the city in the future has an employer with more than 100 employees at a single location
- A question was raised as to whether the Drake Street bridge crossing Leach Creek is in the City's mitigation plan
- Recommendation to replace the reference to Code Red with Pierce County's Everbridge
- The majority of the information in the Transportation Element's current and projected demand section is outdated. This section is being updated with the assistance of the Public Works Department

### **OTHER**

- The public hearing for the Wainwright Intermediate School proposal is to be scheduled for April 7.

**Moved by McVay and seconded by Foss to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. Ayes: Kathy L. McVay, Jerry Foss and Karen Patjens. Noes: None. Absent: None. Excused: Kenneth Halgren and Jim Otness. Motion carried.**

  
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Karen Patjens, Planning Commission Chair

  
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Jeff Boers, Principal Planner