



**CITY OF FIRCREST
PLANNING COMMISSION
A G E N D A**

July 5th, 2023
6:00 p.m.

City Hall
115 Ramsdell Street

- 1) **Roll Call**
- 2) [Approval of the April 4, 2023 Minutes](#)
- 3) [Approval of the May 2, 2023 Minutes](#)
- 4) **Citizen Comments (For Items Not on the Agenda)**
- 5) **Public Hearing**
 - a) None
- 6) **Unfinished Business**
 - a) None
- 7) **New Business**
 - a) [2023 Community Vision Discussion](#)
 - b) [Thriving Communities Local Partner Workshop Discussion](#)
 - c) [SSHAP Update](#)
- 8) **Adjournment**

**CITY OF FIRCREST PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MINUTES**

April 04, 2023
6:00 PM

Fircrest City Hall
115 Ramsdell Street

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair Shirley Schultz called the Fircrest Planning Commission Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Kathy McVay, Ben Ferguson, Sarah Hamel, and Shirley Schultz were present. Commissioner Andrew Imholt was absent and unexcused. Staff present: Administrative Services Director Jayne Westman and Permit Coordinator Kristin Rosario.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the meeting of October 11, 2022, were presented for approval.

Moved by Ferguson and seconded by Hamel to approve the minutes. After discussion, it was determined that the October 11, 2022, meeting was a Public Hearing, not a Planning Commission Meeting therefore, no minutes were taken. **Moved by Ferguson and seconded by Hamel to remove the October 11, 2022, minutes from further consideration. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the meeting of December 6, 2022, were presented for approval.

Moved by Hamel and seconded by McVay to approve the minutes. Upon vote, the motion carried 3-0 with Ferguson abstaining.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

- Brian Rybolt, 1036 Daniels Drive, commented on the proposed stakeholder list for the Comprehensive Plan Update and the concern about Forterra being named as a stakeholder.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Comprehensive Plan Update

Eli Mulhausen with BHC Consultants provided an update and overview of the Comprehensive Plan Update and the progress to date. The overview included the proposed work plan, the public participation plan, and a review of the existing conditions. Discussions included community engagement, housing targets, and existing conditions.

There was a brief discussion regarding the anticipated legislative changes. The Commission asked for an update on the legislation at the next meeting.

Commissioner Ferguson announced that he will be absent at the May meeting and that he was appointed to the SSHAP Advisory Board.

Chair Schultz updated the Commission that PSRC is hosting a Zoom meeting called “Passport to 2044.” Director Westman will send the meeting details to the Commission.

Westman introduced Permit Coordinator Kristin Rosario to the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

McVay moved; seconded by Hamel to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 PM. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Shirley Schultz
Chair, Fircrest Planning Commission

Jayne Westman
Administrative Services Director

**CITY OF FIRCREST PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MINUTES**

May 2nd, 2023
6:00 PM

Fircrest City Hall
115 Ramsdell Street

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair Shirley Schultz called the Fircrest Planning Commission to order at 6:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Kathy McVay, Shirley Schultz and, Andrew Imholt were present. Commissioners Ben Ferguson and Sarah Hamel.were absent and excused. Staff present: Acting Administrative Services Director Arlette Burkhart and Permit Coordinator Kristin Rosario.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the meeting of April 4th, 2023, were presented for approval.

Due to lack of quorum, minutes will be presented at the next regular meeting.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. 2023 Legislative Update

Burkhart provided a brief update on the 2023 legislative update.

The overview included House Bill 1337 and House Bill 1110.

Discussions included applicable timelines, potential code changes, and guidance for implementation.

Commissioners requested the legislative update applicability, timeline and an update on Jeff Boers retirement.

ADJOURNMENT

McVay moved; seconded by Hamel to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 PM. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Shirley Schultz
Chair, Fircrest Planning Commission

Arlette Burkart
Acting Administrative Services Director

Fircrest Visioning Workshop Notes

Thursday, June 15, 2023

We envision...

- Fircrest treasures its ~~historic roots~~ (if mention history, we need to acknowledge lands and Native history; multi-gen) distinctive character and its pride in housing stock

Visioning

- Fircrest treasures its unique and quiet character. We prize the continuity of established neighborhoods and support more housing choices for people of all incomes. We will remain resilient, flexible, and supportive of our connections to adjacent cities and the region.
 - Notes: connected; acknowledge/open to our relationships with adjacent cities and the region
- Fircrest is a unique place in the region. We will remain safe, resilient, flexible, and connected to our neighbors. Fircrest treasures its forested environment, and peaceful and quiet nature while embracing more affordable housing for all people. We value community spaces and events that bring us together. Fircrest prizes its commitment to personal and public safety.
- Fircrest treasures its unique character and proximity to adjacent/nearby cities. We envision a more diverse community that is resilient, flexible, and welcomes a mix of housing. We prize our historic neighborhoods and our cultural, educational, and recreational facilities and opportunities.
 - Continuity – multifamily generations.

Values

- Safe, diverse, affordable
- Unique
- Resilient + flexible
- ~~Suburban~~
- Connection → connected to neighboring jurisdictions and to the region
- Accessible (transportation and affordability)

From another poster:

- Quiet
- Beautiful
- Connected
- Green/trees
- Walkable
- Safe

Must Keep:

- Community center

- Green space → parks → tot lot
- Leach creek
- Lawns
- Sense of community events

Could Change:

- Affordable housing
- Housing: choice + multifamily
- No starter homes
- More diversity
- Traffic safety
- More local businesses
- More food availability (no grocery within Fircrest)
- No school district or library currently

Other Notes:

- Fircrest → trees
- Tradeoffs with growth

Sign-in Sheet:

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Nikki Bafford	

Thriving Communities Project Brainstorm Meeting Notes

Date July 29, 2023; 2pm, Fircrest Community Center

Attendees:

- Kevin Briske, University Place
- Kristin Rosario, Fircrest
- Nicholas Carr, Tacoma Housing Authority
- Alisa Regala O'Hanlon, Metro Parks Tacoma
- Brian Boudet, City of Tacoma
- Wesley Rhodes, City of Tacoma
- Sonja Hallum, City of Tacoma
- Rosa McLeod, City of Tacoma
- Austin Neilson, Sound Transit
- Darin Stavish, Pierce Transit
- Alexandra Mather, Pierce Transit

Partner Goals:

Metro Parks Tacoma: Centering open spaces

City of Tacoma: Multimodal Connectivity

University Place: Progress on MOU, removing barriers to development, coordination on utilities, sewer and stormwater infrastructure

Tacoma House Authority: Support for stormwater and sewer coordination; affordable housing, TOD on 19th, Green/Purple pipe concept

Fircrest: Sewer and utilities coordination, will support opportunity for greater density through redevelopment

Pierce Transit: Support for Bus Rapid Transit and safe and direct access from transit services to Tacoma Community College and surrounding amenities

Sound Transit: Planning efforts to support future link light rail service

General Brainstorm of Ideas:

- Leverage green job training in the proposal
- Support for project vision and narrative
- Help with regulations and code alignment
- Subarea plan for three cities and service providers
- Community engagement for residents and developers
- Finding the consistencies among jurisdictions and highlighting the gaps
- Determine infrastructure deficiencies and take an assessment of needs
- Environmental Planned Action EIS; removes barrier for developer

- Do as much work on NEPA/SEPA so future developers don't have to
- Center environmental justice and green equity
- Identifying utilities landscape will support Sound Transit's planning in future years

Proposal for WSP: Infrastructure: Sewer, stormwater and utilities needs/gaps analysis for University Place, Fircrest, Tacoma and Service Providers

Next Steps:

- Finalize MOU between Thriving Communities stakeholders
- Invite Tacoma Community College, Tacoma Public Utilities and Pierce County Utilities to participate in Thriving Communities stakeholder group
- Identify a shared space for partners to access documents, materials etc. – Wait for WSP

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