City of Poulsbo
PLANNING COMMISSION

Tuesday, January 12, 2010

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT
Jim Coleman
Gordon Hanson
Bob Nordnes
Ray Stevens
James Thayer
Stephanie Wells

STAFF
Linda Mueller
Andre Kasiniak
Anya Funk
Lynda Loveday

GUESTS
Art Castle

MEMBERS ABSENT

1. CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

2. FLAG SALUTE

3. MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA:

    ELECTION OF CHAIR PERSON: Ray Stevens was re-elected as chair.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF – 10-13-2009

    MOTION: COLEMAN/HANSEN: Move to approve the minutes of 10-13-2009 as presented. 5 for. 1 abstain. 1 vacancy.

5. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS - none

6. ANDERSON PARKWAY - SSDP

Linda Mueller, Senior Planner, presented the Anderson Parkway Shoreline Permit, which is a proposal by the City’s Engineering Department to retrofit the stormwater drainage facilities at Anderson Parkway and to restore the parking lot surface. The proposal includes repair and resealing the 2 acre asphalt parking surface; construction of pedestrian corridors through the parking lot into downtown and the park; irrigated landscaping; use of LID techniques to treat stormwater runoff, including nine bio-retention cells and ½ acre of pervious asphalt parking. The existing storm drainage system, catch basins and pipes will

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remain in place as a “back up” or overflow system. No major re-grading is proposed. Excavation for the pervious asphalt base and bio-retention cells will require removing about 500 c.y. of material. SEPA was done on the proposal.

Ms. Mueller then discussed the review criteria and stated that the proposal is consistent with city policies. The proposal will cause no negative impacts and will improve stormwater quality. One comment letter was received from a business owner regarding the striping of the parking lot. The layout shown is conceptual and will be determined later with public input.

Commissioners and staff discussed: (1) where the water from the permeable asphalt will end up; (2) the water will be treated and then will infiltrate; (3) concern about the stability of the fill material that the parking lot is sitting on; (4) the lot is going to be repaired and re-sealed; (5) the project is funded by a DOE grant; (6) the old system will be retained for overflow; (7) the water will be treated before it goes into the bay; (8) rain does not have to be detained; (9) how well the permeable asphalt works; (10) what is the life expectancy of the system.

The discussion continued with: (11) how it might degrade over time; (12) maintenance of the asphalt; (13) capacity of the system; (14) the location of the treatment cells; (15) settling ponds need to be cleaned out; (16) concerns regarding its proximity to the bay; (17) building up of contaminated soil; (18) this is the best technique for the location; (19) the technique is used in other locations around the city; (20) analysis of the system by biologists.

The discussion continued with: (21) it is a very busy parking lot that creates a lot of contaminants; (22) the system has been designed by experts; (23) we don’t want to have an EPA clean up problem in the future; (24) this is a new way of treating water; (25) the other option is to use the old system; (26) this is not in lieu of detention is it only for treating; (27) there is no room on the site to use a swale; (28) NKHS did their parking lot this way; (29) sediment and oil are the only problems; (30) LID’s are widely used in Seattle.

The discussion continued with: (31) if the new system is not used there would be no filtration of the water before it goes to the bay; (32) this is not a true retrofit it is a bio-filtration system; (33) the old asphalt will be removed and engineered material will be installed; (34) landscaping will be installed in addition to the LID raingardens; (35) the site will be surveyed and striped; (36) there is a minimal amount of private property behind a few shops on Front Street.

MOTION: NORDNES/HANSEN: Move to recommend approval to the Hearing Examiner the Anderson Parkway Stormwater Retrofit Shoreline Substantial Development Permit, Planning File 11-03-09-1 subject to the Conditions of Approval. 6 for. 1 vacant.
7. **PUBLIC HEARING – STORMWATER REGULATIONS**

7:32 – Chairman Stevens opened the Public Hearing

Anya Funk, Public Works Department, discussed: an overview of the NPDES requirements for stormwater management; (2) the relationship of the proposed ordinances to the NPDES permit elements; (3) the City Attorney has reviewed and approved the proposed Stormwater Management Ordinances; (4) The Public Works Committee has endorsed staff's recommendations; (5) City Council will be having a public hearing on January 20, 2010.

Andre Kasiniak, Engineering Department, briefly discussed adoption of DOE’s 2005 stormwater design manual.

7:43 – Chairman Stevens closed the Public Hearing

**MOTION: THAYER/COLEMAN.** Move to recommend approval of the DOE manual and ordinances as presented by staff to the City Council. 6 for. 1 vacant.

8. **COMMISSION COMMENTS** – none

Items discussed: (1) collection of data on the Anderson Parkway project and (2) the status of the pond at the Snowberry development.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm

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Ray Stevens
Chairman, Poulsbo Planning Commission