RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 26

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE DOCKET OF PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS TO BE REVIEWED IN 2012-2013.

WHEREAS, the state Growth Management Act allows local governments to amend their comprehensive plan once a year; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellingham has established a Type VI process to review all proposed comprehensive plan amendments and establish a list or "docket" of amendments to be reviewed in the annual plan amendment process; and

WHEREAS, BMC 21.10.150 authorizes the City Council to establish the docket of proposed amendments after review and recommendation by City staff and the Planning commission; and

WHEREAS, the City received eight proposals for docketing consideration in the 2012-2013 comprehensive plan amendment cycle; and

WHEREAS, the Bellingham Planning Commission held a public hearing on June 14, 2012, to review the eight proposals and thereafter provided docketing recommendations to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on July 23rd to review the proposals and the docketing recommendations of staff, and the Planning Commission, and comments by the applicants and the public.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BELLINGHAM CITY COUNCIL:

1. The three proposals listed in Attachment 1 are hereby docketed for review in the 2012-2013 comprehensive plan amendment review process.

2. There are two proposals listed in Attachment 2 that were previously docketed but not completed. Work on those proposals will continue in 2012-2013.

PASSED by the City Council this 6th day of August, 2012.

Terry O. Rohmann
Council President
APPROVED by me this 8th day of August, 2012.

Mayor

ATTEST:
Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Office of the City Attorney
ATTACHMENT 1

The following comprehensive plan amendment proposals will be reviewed in the 2012-2013 amendment process:

Proposal #ZON2012-00002. Whatcom Falls Neighborhood
The proposal from the Whatcom Falls Neighborhood Association would update the general information in the neighborhood plan. Also staff recommended and the Council agreed to add a rezone of Area 1 to the proposal to reflect the fact that the City now owns the property.

Proposal #ZON2012-00008. Sunnyland Neighborhood
Consideration of a change to the land use and zoning designations from Single Family Residential, Low Density to Single Family Residential, Medium Density with an overall density of one unit per 6,250 sq.ft. of land area.

The subject property is Area 8 of the Sunnyland Neighborhood Plan and commonly known as the former "DOT" site, located on the south side of Sunset Drive. Sunnyland Neighborhood Association, applicant.

Proposal #ZON2012-00005. King Mt./Irongate Neighborhoods
Consideration of a change in land use and zoning designations to increase the allowed residential density from 5,000 sq.ft. per unit to 3,600 sq.ft. per unit, allow offices and medical labs, eliminate the 2006 site plan and other changes.

The subject property is about 42 acres located between I-5 and James Street in Area 14A of the King Mt. Neighborhood Plan and Area 3 of the Irongate Neighborhood Plan. Jack Swanson, applicant on behalf of Edgewater Park LLC and AHI Ohana LLC, property owners.
The Planning Department's 2012-2013 work program also includes review of the following comprehensive plan amendment proposals that were docketed in previous years but not yet completed.

Previously Docketed Proposals Included in the 2012-2013 Work Program:

1. CBD Neighborhood Plan/City Center Master Plan update
2. Bellingham Comprehensive Plan Economic Development Chapter