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**City of Lake Forest Park  
Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting  
17425 Ballinger Way NE—The Forest Room**

**September 28, 2004**

**Commissioners present:** Judy Herring, Chair, Jeff Foster, Lloyd Skinner, San-Won-Cho “Sancho”, Linda Owens, Don Fiene, Shary Van

**Staff present:** Steve Bennett, A.I.C.P. Planning & Building Director, Meredith Tessier, Planning Technician; Anita Goddard, Clerk

**Others present:** Neil Jensen, City Engineer

**Call to order:**

Chair Herring called meeting to order at 7:10

**Approval of meeting notes**

Regular meeting—September 21, 2004

Minutes approved with the correction to page 1, line 10, San Wo-Cho, San Won-Cho. Cmr. Foster moved to approve, Cmr. Skinner seconded. Motion carried.

**Public comments—10 minutes**

There were no comments.

**Unfinished business**

Transportation Commission’s recommended changes to Transportation Element.

Herring introduced Neil Jensen, City Engineer. Cmr. Herring relinquished the meeting to Jensen. Steve Bennett suggested that Jensen provide an overall analysis of the types of changes and the reasons for the changes. Jensen stated that the transportation commission focused mainly on policies, regional traffic and outdated language. The Planning Commission discussed non-motorized usage of roadways, ascetically pleasing sound barriers, pedestrian corridors, Park and Ride facilities, maintaining and enhancing the current streets, controlling impervious surfaces and to be consistent with current safety standards.

Herring introduced new Planning Commissioner, Shary Van.

Update on SAO Task Force

Herring requested an outline of where the SAO task force is currently in its update, and what the present struggles are. In response, Skinner provided a Best Available Science (BAS) buffer document summarizing the information that the SAO task force has collected to date. Skinner introduced Don Fiene as Chair of

1 the SAO Task Force. Fiene stated that the main focus was to update the SAO to  
2 the requirements of the Growth Management Act (GMA) and the principal  
3 concern has been buffers and BAS and its effects on the current ordinances.  
4 Legislature modified the SAO and added a provision that requires municipalities  
5 to use BAS in reviewing their ordinances. The task force main issue has been to  
6 deal with BAS and how it affects current ordinances. Fiene stated that cities are  
7 required to preserve and protect the functions of the critical areas and to protect  
8 it properly you have to look at the Science and what the act calls for, which is the  
9 preservation of the function. Herring stated that the ordinance should be a  
10 workable ordinance, that people will actually adhere to, so as not to be too  
11 offensive and still have the ability to use their property within reasonable use.

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13 Herring questioned the reasoning behind the proposed buffer widths for streams.  
14 Fiene explained that the focus was on recent science and what science has been  
15 applied in the Puget Sound area. Other science that was looked at was  
16 Washington State Ecology recommendations and Washington State Fish and  
17 Game recommendations. Fiene went on to explain that BAS doesn't say you  
18 have to find the best science and use that, but to make a reasonable effort to  
19 look at all the science and make thoughtful deliberative discussions and to be  
20 able to justify your conclusions. Discussion ensued.

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22 Public Hearing and Open House

23 Bennett stated that there would be a handout in a question and answer format  
24 and at the public hearing there will be a brief presentation to provide a summary  
25 of the Planning Commission recommendation. This presentation and summary  
26 would be coordinated with Herring. Bennett also suggested having a set of  
27 talking points and that the Planning Commissioners could be at a station,  
28 answering questions. Updated maps will be provided. Discussion followed.

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31 **New business:**

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34 **Reports/Communications/Announcements:**

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37 **Adjournment: 9:05 PM**

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40 Anita Goddard, Clerk

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45 Judy Herring, Chair