



City Council Public Hearing

Date: June 3, 2014

Subject

Planning Commission’s recommendations on the Proposed Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code for 2014 (or “2014 Annual Amendment”, containing nine applications), as well as an application carried over from the 2013 Annual Amendment cycle, as summarized below.

Additional information is available on the Planning Division’s website at www.cityoftacoma.org/planning and linked to “2014 Annual Amendment”.

Application	Description
1. Point Ruston Mixed-Use Center (Application #2014-01)	Designating that portion of the former ASARCO property located in the City of Tacoma (a 29-acre site) as a Mixed-Use Center and a residential target area. (A private application by Point Ruston LLC).
2. Point Defiance Park Land Use Policies (Application #2014-02)	Adding a policy to the Comprehensive Plan to recognize Point Defiance Park as a unique asset and a regional destination; and clarifying in the Land Use Regulatory Code potential permitting pathways that Metro Parks Tacoma could utilize, including the Development Regulation Agreement process. (A private application by Metro Parks Tacoma).
3. Mixed-Use Centers Code Review (MUC-Lite) (Application #2014-04)	Amending the Land Use Regulatory Code to improve development regulations applicable to, and support further growth and development within, the City’s Mixed-Use Centers.
4. Affordable Housing (Application #2014-06)	Amending the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Regulatory Code to implement Affordable Housing incentive, bonus, and inclusionary strategies which are part of a package of initiatives recommended by the City Council’s Affordable Housing Policy Advisory Group.
5. Container Port Element (Application #2014-07)	Creating a new element in the Comprehensive Plan that specifically addresses and provides goals and policies relative to the ‘Port Industrial Area’.
6. Open Space Habitat and Recreation Element (Application #2014-08)	Amending this element of the Comprehensive Plan to reaffirm the vision and goals, reflect progress and changing circumstances since its adoption, update inventories, and enhance guidance on implementation.
7. Sustainability Code Amendment (Application #2014-09)	Amending the Land Use Regulatory Code to encourage and incent sustainable development practices, advance City’s goals for sustainable development, and promote public health and active living, including development regulations relative to bicycle facilities, electric vehicle infrastructure, and low-impact development stormwater facilities.
8. Urban Forestry Landscaping Code Update (Application #2014-10)	Amending the Land Use Regulatory Code to improve trees and landscaping related regulations pertaining to development activities.
9. Plan and Code Cleanup (Application #2014-11)	Amending various sections of the Comprehensive Plan and the Land Use Regulatory Code to keep information current, correct minor errors, provide additional clarity, and improve administrative efficiency.
10. Shoreline Related Elements (Carried over from 2013; Application #2013-05)	Rescinding the Thea Foss Waterway Design and Development Plan, the Ruston Way Plan, and the Shoreline Trails Plan, but carrying forward the vision and implementation strategies of those documents within the proposed Tacoma Waterfront Design Guidelines and an update of the Public Access Alternatives Plan.