CALL TO ORDER:
Chair Cooper called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM in the Council Chambers, at 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

ROLL CALL:
Chair Adam Cooper, Commissioners Bryan Cairns, Jon Friedman, Steve Marshall, Craig Olson, and Kristen White were present. Vice-Chair Eric Laschever was absent. City staff was represented by Steve Lancaster, Development Services Group Director; George Steirer, Principal Planner; and Nick Afzali, Transportation Manager.

APPEARANCES:
No one from the public requested to address the Planning Commission.

MINUTES:
Commissioner White motioned to approve the minutes from December 2, 2009. The Commission unanimously approved the minutes as written.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

Agenda Item #1: Discussion of the draft Mercer Island Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Plan

At the request of the stated author, Steve Lancaster provided copies of an e-mail from Rita Moore to Travis Saunders, Planner, on January 06, 2010 at 11:47 AM. The e-mail discussed the Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Plan.

Steve Lancaster, Development Services Group Director, gave a staff presentation and responded to questions from the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission requested numerous changes to the plan and requested staff to look into the possibility of returning with a draft plan that incorporated the changes.

Agenda Item #2: Discussion of a Planning Commission draft work program for 2010

George Steirer provided a presentation on the draft work program for 2010. The Planning Commission approved forwarding the draft work program to the City Council as presented by staff.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:
Council Member Jahncke provided a brief summary of the City Council decision on the Island Crest Way reconfiguration.

STAFF COMMENTS:
Staff announced that Manny Ocampo will be the Interim Development Services Group Director. Mr. Ocampo provided a summary of his background and timeline for a permanent replacement of Steve Lancaster.
Commissioner Marshall moved to pass a motion of appreciation for Steve Lancaster and best wishes for his future. Commissioner Friedman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PLANNED ABSENCES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:
None

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:
None

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:
The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT:
The Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 10:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted by George Steirer, Principal Planner