CALL TO ORDER:
Chair Cooper called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM in the Council Chambers, at 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

ROLL CALL:
Chair Adam Cooper, Vice-Chair Eric Laschever, Commissioners Bryan Cairns, Jon Friedman, Steve Marshall, and Craig Olson were present. Commissioner Kristen White was excused. City staff was represented by Manny Ocampo, Development Services Group Interim Director; Ed Holmes, Police Chief; Shane Moloney, Assistant City Attorney; Nick Afzali, Transportation Manager; Paul West, Parks Natural Resource Coordinator; and Dave Jokinen, Police Operations Commander.

APPEARANCES:
Mark Clausen of 6107 SE 32nd Street provided comment regarding the Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Plan update.

Maretta Holden of 8221 SE 24th Street provided comment regarding the Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Plan update.

MINUTES:
Commissioner Cairns motioned to approve the minutes from January 20, 2010. Commissioner Friedman seconded the motion. The Commission unanimously approved the minutes as written.

REGULAR BUSINESS:
Agenda Item #1: Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Plan Update

Pat Dugan of Dugan Planning Services gave the staff presentation and responded to questions from the Commission.

Police Chief Ed Holmes responded to questions from the Commission about cyclists and enforcement of existing regulations. Chief Holmes summarized citation data collected from a 2005 initiative to enhance bicycle and pedestrian safety on Mercer Island.

Dave Jokinen, Police Operations Commander, detailed a similar 2007 Mercer Island initiative.

Assistant City Attorney Shane Moloney responded to questions from the Planning Commission about motorists’ and cyclists’ rights and responsibilities under state law.

Paul West, Parks Natural Resource Coordinator, presented three projects to add to the proposed Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Plan. He discussed plans for 1) the Island Crest Park Trail, 2) the SE 47th Street Open Space, and 3) the Gallagher Hill Trail.

The Commission suggested and deliberated amendments to the language of the proposed Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Plan.
Commissioner Cairns motioned to move the Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Plan, as amended, forward to the City Council. Commissioner Friedman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:
Councilmember Jahncke gave the Council Liaison's report. The Council unanimously approved the Planning Commission's recommendation, as amended, for the Temporary Encampments ordinance during their February 1, 2010 meeting.

STAFF COMMENTS:
No staff comments were provided.

PLANNED ABSENCES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:
Commissioner Marshall will be absent from the February 17, 2010 meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:
Interim Development Services Group Director indicated that the updated draft of the proposed Shoreline Management Plan would soon be provided to the Planning Commissioners.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:
The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT:
The Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 9:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Shana Crick, Planner