Call to Order:
Chair Cooper called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM in the Council Chambers, at 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

Roll Call:
Chair Adam Cooper, Vice-Chair Eric Laschever, Marc Berejka, Jon Friedman, Kristen White, Steve Marshall, Bryan Cairns and Council Liaison Jahncke were present. City staff was represented by Shane Moloney, Assistant City Attorney; George Steirer, Principal Planner; and Travis Saunders, Planner.

Appearances:
Jerry Baruffi of 9236 SE Shoreland Drive, Bellevue, WA 98004 addressed the commission regarding the Shoreline Master Program Update.

Minutes:
The Planning Commission approved the minutes from the June 17, 2009 meeting as distributed.

Regular Business
Agenda Item #1: Regulation options of SMP update for over water structures (i.e. docks/piers)

Travis Saunders provided a brief introduction.

The Commission deliberated and asked questions of staff.

The Commission preliminarily recommended no maximum for the number of piers on a single property; joint use piers are encouraged; length of piers not to exceed 100 feet, but in cases where water depth is less than 10 feet from the mean low water, length may extend up to 150 feet or to the point where water depth is 10 feet at mean low water, whichever is less; 1,000 square foot maximum for piers; height of piers shall be 1.5 feet minimum and 5 feet max above the elevation of the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM); width maximum of 8 feet; all dimensions to regulated by maximum pier width and coverage allowances; floats dimensions to be regulated by pier maximum square footage; boat houses are prohibited; allowance for covered moorage no greater than 600 square feet, translucent canopy required; allowance for boatlifts when placed greater than 30 feet waterward of the OHWM. Standards for piling spacing were not recommended.

The Commission directed staff to provide the following:
1. Further research of the science behind grated decking within 30 feet waterward of the OHWM
2. Further research of the science for translucent canopies.
3. A cost comparison between grated decking and traditional decking.
4. Further research litigation regarding the terms “if feasible” and “where practicable”.

Agenda Item #2: Regulation options of SMP update for shoreline stabilization structures (i.e. bulkheads/soft shore armoring)

Travis Saunders provided a presentation.

The Commission asked questions of staff.

The Commission directed staff provide a strike and delete of the existing Shoreline Master Program provisions for shoreline stabilization structures by incorporating the applicable language in WAC 173-26.
**Council Liaison Report:**
Tent City ordinance has been added to the Planning Commission's 2009 work program by the City Council.

**Staff Comments:**
East Cove Subdivision and the SMP are scheduled for the July 15, 2009 agenda. Pedestrian Bicycle Facilities Plan is scheduled for the August 19, 2009 agenda.

**Planned Absences for Future Meetings:**
None

**Announcements and Communications:**
None

**Next Regular Meeting:**
The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2009.

**Adjournment:**
The Planning Commission adjourned at 10:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Travis Saunders, Planner