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, Commissioners Kristen White, Jon Friedman, and Bryan Cairns were present. Vice Chair Eric Laschever, Commissioner Steve Marshall and Council Liaison El Jahncke were excused. City staff was represented by Shane Moloney, Assistant City Attorney; George Steirer, Principal Planner; and Travis Saunders, Planner.

APPEARANCES:
Bert Loosmore of 4639 Forest Avenue SE provided comment regarding the Shoreline Master Program update.

Rita Moore of 4509 Ferncroft Road provided comment regarding the Shoreline Master Program update.

MINUTES:
The Planning Commission approved the minutes from the September 2, 2009 meeting.

REGULAR BUSINESS:
Agenda Item #1: Regulation options of Shoreline Master Program update for shoreline vegetation conservation standards, including building setback standards.

Travis Saunders provided a presentation.

The Commission asked questions of staff and discussed shoreline vegetation conservation options.

The Commission directed staff to provide the following:

1. Provide draft language for vegetation standards that incorporates the Commission’s discussion of creating a twenty feet vegetation buffer, measured landward from the ordinary high water mark. 25% of the buffer area to contain vegetation coverage, with the first five feet of the buffer to contain native plantings. The draft also to include planting plan language that encourages shading through planting of a variety of ground cover, shrubs, and trees.

2. Research prescriptive shoreline planting programs by other agencies.
COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:
None

STAFF COMMENTS:
A draft work program schedule for the remainder of 2009 was presented to the Commission.

PLANNED ABSENCES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:
Commissioner Cairns will be absent on October 7, 2009.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:
None

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:
The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT:
The Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 8:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Travis Saunders, Planner