



## Puget Sound Regional Council

### **MINUTES**

#### **Growth Management Policy Board**

**January 4, 2024**

#### **Remote Meeting**

[To watch a video of the meeting and hear the discussion, go to <https://www.psrc.org/watch-meetings>]

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Councilmember Megan Dunn, Vice-Chair.

### **COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

There were no reports from the Chair.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Growth Management Director Paul Inghram welcomed the board back in the new year, congratulated several members of the board who won re-elections and thanked Joe McDermott, Phillippa Kassover and Andrew Lewis for their service on the board and in their communities as their terms ended.

Paul gave updates on the office move, then introduced Robin Koskey who gave a brief update on the start of the 2024 state legislative session.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approve Minutes of Growth Management Policy Board Meeting held November 2, 2023.

**ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Wahl/Walters) to adopt the Consent Agenda. Motion passed.**

## **BLACK HOME INITIATIVE**

Marty Kooistra of Civic Commons briefed the board on the Black Home Initiative (BHI), a new regional program that seeks to target the racial inequities in the housing market to increase homeownership among Black residents. A short-term goal for the BHI include creating opportunities for 1500 new low-and-moderate income Black households to own a home in South Seattle, South King County and North Pierce County within the next five years. The Black Home Initiative's focus areas include pre-/post- purchase counseling, purchase supports and tools, credit and lending, housing production, policies and practices, marketing and outreach and sustaining existing owners. PSRC will continue to monitor housing ownership metrics and coordinate with the BHI and Civic Commons.

## **WASHINGTON STATE HOUSING FINANCE COMMISSION**

Lisa DeBrock of the Washington State Housing Finance Commission spoke about the work of the commission to support access to homeownership and affordable housing through the Covenant Homeownership Act. The act addresses the role of government institutions in housing-related racial discrimination. To implement the act, the Housing Finance Commission will oversee a research study prepared by the National Fair Housing Alliance. The new law has two implementation points including a research study to investigate housing discrimination against marginalized communities in Washington State, the impact of the discrimination, potential remedies and a new source of funding from homebuyer assistance. PSRC will continue to coordinate with the Commission and local jurisdictions during comprehensive plan updates.

## **REGIONAL TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WORK PLAN**

PSRC Principal Planner Liz Underwood-Bultmann briefed the board on the 2023 work of the Regional Transit-Oriented Development Committee (RTODC) and their plans for 2024. Last year, the RTODC held four quarterly meetings and a TOD event providing direction on regional planning work, learning from others about promising practices and convening TOD stakeholders for information sharing and networking. The RTODC 2024 work plan includes restructuring discussions to increase engagement and interaction among members as well as including a work session at each meeting. The committee will begin implementing the work plan at its next meeting on March 15, 2024.

## **REGIONAL SAFETY PLAN DRAFT SCOPE OF WORK**

The board provided feedback on the draft scope of work outline for PSRC's Regional Safety Plan presented by PSRC Senior Planner Gary Simonson. Sections of the draft work outline include Overview; Safety and Equity Analyses; Engagement and Collaboration; Strategies, Countermeasures, and Actions; and Implementation and Next

Steps. PSRC will work with a consultant team to advance the development of the Regional Safety Plan, with a target completion date by the first quarter of 2025.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next GMPB board meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2024.

Topics include:

- State Legislative Agenda
- Regional Centers Monitoring Scope of Work
- Equity Advisory Committee Work Plan

### **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

### **GUESTS AND PSRC STAFF PRESENT (As determined by staff.)**

Kathryn Johnson, PSRC  
 Paul Inghram, PSRC  
 Maggie Moore, PSRC  
 Liz Underwood-Bultmann, PSRC  
 Robin Koskey, PSRC  
 Erika Harris, PSRC  
 Noal Leonetti, PSRC  
 Ben Bakkenta, PSRC  
 Laura Hodgson, Washington State Dept. of Commerce  
 Libby Hollingshead, King County  
 Laura Benjamin-LaPitz, City of Bellevue  
 Elsa Brown, City of Seattle

Attachments:

January 4, 2024, GMPB Attendance Roster

Growth Management Policy Board - January 4, 2024							
Voting Members			✓	Non-voting Members			✓
<b>King County</b>	2	CM Dave Upthegrove	1	<b>Associate Members</b>			
		Vacant		Alderwood Water and Wastewater District	1	COM Paul McIntyre	
						Vacant	
Seattle	2	Vacant		Thurston Regional Planning Council	1	COM Chris Stearns	
		CM Dan Strauss				Marc Daily Alt	
		CM Tammy Morales, Alt	1	<b>Public Agency Members</b>			
Bellevue	1	MYR Lynne Robinson	1	Commerce	1	Dave Andersen	1
		DM Jared Nieuwenhuis, Alt				Mark Barkley Alt	
Cities/Towns	3	DM Traci Buxton, Des Moines	1	Public Health Agencies	1	Dr. Gib Morrow, Kitsap Public Health District	
		CM Ed Prince, Renton - Chair				Vacant	
		CM Melissa Stuart, Redmond	1	<b>PSRC Committees</b>			
		CM Kelli Curtis, Alt - Kirkland	1	Regional Staff Committee	1	Andrea Spencer, Bremerton	1
		CM Pam Stuart, Alt - Sammamish	1			Vacant	
		CM Lindsey Walsh, Alt - Issaquah	1	Equity Advisory Committee	1	Shannon Turner	1
<b>Kitsap County</b>	1	COM Katie Walters	1			Lisa Espinosa, Alt	
		COM Christine Rolfes, Alt		<b>Civic Representative</b>			
Bremerton	1	MYR Greg Wheeler	1	Master Builders of King and Snohomish Counties	1	Jennifer Anderson	1
		CM Jeff Coughlin, Alt	1			Vacant	
Cities/Towns	1	CM Jon Quitslund, Bainbridge Isl	1	Natural and Built Environments	1	Angela Rozmyn	
		CM Joe Deets, Bainbridge Isl, Alt				Robert Pantley Alt	
<b>Pierce County</b>	1	CM Robyn Denson	1	Seattle Children's Hospital	1	Hugh Ewart	
		CM Paul Herrera, Alt				Chris Ramirez Alt	
Tacoma	1	CM Joe Bushnell	1	Futurewise	1	Alex Brennan	
		CM Sarah Rumbaugh, Alt				Tiernan Martin Alt	1
Cities & Towns	1	CM Nikki Bufford, Fircrest	1	Housing Development Consortium - Seattle/King	1	Patience Malaba	
		Mayor Josh Penner, Alt - Orting	1			Jesse Simpson Alt	
<b>Snohomish County</b>	1	CM Megan Dunn - Vice Chair	1	Metro Parks Tacoma	1	Debbie Terwilleger	
		CM Sam Low, Alt - Snohomish County				Vacant	
Everett	1	CM Ben Zarlingo (Jan email)					
		CM Scott Bader (Jan email)	1				
Cities/Towns	1	MYR Pro Tem Bryan Wahl, Mountlake Terrace	1	Non Voting	12		5
		CM Erin Murray, Alt - Mountlake Terrace					
<b>Federally Recognized Tribes</b>							
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	1	Vacant					
Puyallup Tribe of Indians	1	Andrew Strobel					
		Jennifer Keating Alt					
Suquamish Tribe	1	Rich Purser					
		Alison Osullivan Alt					
<b>Statutory Members</b>							
Ports	1	COM Fred Felleman, Seattle	1			<b>Abbreviations</b>	
		COM Don Meyer, Tacoma Alt				CM Councilmember	
WSDOT	1	Jeff Storrar	1			COM Commissioner	
		JoAnn Schueler, Alt				CP Council President	
						DM Deputy Mayor	
Voting	22	(Quorum = 11) Quorum Total	17			MYR Mayor	