



Puget Sound Regional Council

MINUTES

**Growth Management Policy Board
Thursday, June 6, 2024
1201 3rd Ave., Ste 500, Seattle, WA 98101**

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Council President Ed Prince, Chair.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Prince reflected on PSRC's General Assembly the previous week and recapped PSRC leadership reelections and the adoption of the PSRC budget and work program. Chair Prince then welcomed new board members Tracy Stanton from Emerald Alliance, Charlotte Murry from the Snohomish-Island County Labor Council and new alternate Director Chantell Harmon Reed of the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Growth Management Director Paul Inghram welcomed the board, reminded the board of the meeting date change in July to avoid the holiday and provided a preview of the meeting's discussion items.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Minutes of Growth Management Policy Board Meeting held May 2, 2024.

ACTION: It was moved and seconded (Bader/Bushnell) to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion passed.



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July 11, 2024

DISCUSSION ITEM

To: Growth Management Policy Board
From: Paul Inghram, Director of Growth Management
Subject: **Open Space Trends**

IN BRIEF

PSRC is developing a [report](#) on trends in open space conservation and enhancement to monitor implementation of the Regional Open Space Conservation Plan. The board will be provided with a summary of research findings and will be asked for feedback to support the work.

DISCUSSION

Farms, forests, aquatic systems, parks and other types of open space provide food, building materials, flood control, recreation, clean air and water and many other ecosystem services. Because this natural infrastructure provides so many benefits to the region, VISION 2050 includes ambitious expectations for protecting open space, reducing growth pressure in rural and resource lands and improving access to urban parks and regional trails. MPP-En-12 directs the region to identify, preserve and enhance significant regional open space networks and linkages across jurisdictional boundaries through the implementation and update of the Regional Open Space Conservation Plan. MPP-En-15 calls for providing parks, trails and open space within walking distance of urban residents and to prioritize historically underserved communities for open space improvements and investments.

The 2018 [Regional Open Space Conservation Plan](#) maps the open space network across the region and identifies priority actions needed to increase access to and sustain open spaces for the long term. A [Conservation Toolkit](#) helps implement the plan.

DISCUSSION ITEM: COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW WORK PLAN AND APPROACH

Senior Planner Maggie Moore reviewed PSRC's process for reviewing and certifying the 2024 comprehensive plan updates. Plans are due December 31, 2024, so it is expected that board review of most of the plans will be in early 2025. Maggie highlighted early findings from draft plans and walked the board through the process of certification. Staff answered questions from the board including how to find information on anti-displacement tools and strategies, example policies, the role of inclusionary zoning and growth targets vs. capacity questions.

DISCUSSION ITEM: HOUSING TRENDS FOR ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER POPULATIONS

Carol Naito, Data Program Manager, and Joanne Lin, Assistant Data Programmer and Analyst, briefed the board on the Equity Trend for Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) populations inspired by AANHPI Heritage Month, which detailed the experiences of AANHPI residents and the disparities in renter cost burden, homeownership rates and income across AANHPI communities. Findings from the trend display that while Asian Americans as a whole have a relatively low poverty rate and the highest median income across all racial groups, there is considerable variation based on ethnicity, country of origin and length of time in the United States. Discussion followed with questions from the board on physical geography of the data, looking into the roots of the disparities among the populations and discussion on the limitations of accessing data at the city level.

DISCUSSION ITEM: PSRC EQUITY TRACKER

Brian Lee, Program Manager of Data Solutions and Research, and Mary Richards, Associate Planner, briefed the board on the Equity Tracker project, a tool that uses data to help measure the well-being of different communities in our region. Brian and Mary gave a demonstration of the interactive web tool and discussed with the board various uses for the tool and PSRC's plans to continue to work on the tool to address displacement risk. The Equity Tracker site is publicly available, with staff continuing to make refinements which will be followed by updates and additions.

NEXT MEETING

The board will meet on Thursday, July 18, 2024, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Topics include:

- Tree Equity Collaborative
- Tree Protection Ordinances
- Open Space Trends
- Transit Access

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Attendance Roster – June 6, 2024