



Puget Sound Regional Council

MINUTES Growth Management Policy Board March 2, 2017 PSRC Boardroom

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Councilmember Hank Margeson, Vice Chair.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Vice Chair Margeson welcomed board members and remote participants to the meeting, and noted that new member John Wynands will serve as an alternate to Lorena Eng for WSDOT.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Andy Rheume, City of Bothell, expressed opposition to the regional growth center alternatives included in the Stakeholder Working Group's report on the Regional Centers Framework, noting the regional importance of Canyon Park and how it might be classified under the proposed alternatives.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Charlie Howard, Director of Planning, noted that following the February presentation of the Regional Centers Framework Stakeholder Working Group report, staff has presented the report to eight different committees and groups and is planning several more presentations. The centers framework will come back to the Growth Management Policy Board in April with results of comments received and an opportunity to consider the recommendations in detail. Review of the working group's recommendations is expected to take several months. Staff is available to meet with communities that are interested in knowing more about the centers framework update.

He reminded board members about the Growth Management Policy Board's recommendation last November to reclassify Bonney Lake and Covington from Small Cities to Large Cities. The Executive Board, having tabled the recommendation at its December meeting, is anticipated to take it up again in March.

Mr. Howard also acknowledged Maria Sandercock, PSRC's new Associate Planner/GIS Analyst, who will be working on the Regional Open Space Conservation Plan.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of minutes of the Growth Management Policy Board Meeting held February 2, 2017.

ACTION:

A motion to adopt the consent agenda was made by Councilmember Terry Ryan and seconded by Councilmember Jay Arnold. The motion passed unanimously.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION FOR POULSBO

Associate Planner Laura Benjamin reviewed the proposed certification report for the Poulsbo Comprehensive Plan and the staff recommendation for certification.

ACTION:

It was moved by Mayor Allan Ekberg and seconded by Councilmember Jan Schuette to recommend that the Executive Board certify that the transportation-related provisions of Poulsbo 2016 Comprehensive Plan conform to the Growth Management Act and are consistent with the multicounty planning policies and the regional transportation plan. The motion passed unanimously.

PLANNING FOR HEALTH

Program Manager Paul Inghram introduced the presentation with recognition of how planning for health is supported in VISION 2040. Board members Drs. Anthony Chen and Susan Turner presented information about how health is interrelated with planning for transportation, jobs, neighborhoods and the environment. They also discussed how health impacts our well-being and the regional economy. Board members noted the importance of safe routes to schools, access to recreation, locally adopted strategies, and clean water. Health will be an issue that PSRC looks at during the update of VISION 2040. The presentation will be made available to board members.

REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Principal Planner Michael Hubner introduced a panel of experts to provide comments about affordable housing as a follow up to the board's September 16, 2016, discussion about regional housing trends. Rob Van Tassell, Vice President of Housing and Community Development, Catholic Housing Services of Western Washington, described the challenges of developing affordable housing projects in communities around the region. He noted that early and ongoing communication with city leaders and community members is key to achieving successful affordable housing projects. Paul Purcell, President, Beacon Development Group, discussed how affordable housing projects are financed, including the impacts of diminishing funding amidst a growing need. Arthur Sullivan, Program Manager, A Regional Coalition for Housing, described how land use incentives are used in some communities to encourage the development of affordable units. Housing affordability continues to be a major issue for the region. At a future meeting, the board may look into how the housing market is responding to housing demand in the region.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT POLICY BOARD Attendance Roster – March 2, 2017

GMPB MEMBERS & ALTERNATES PRESENT

(Italicized = alternate)

Jennifer Anderson, Master Builders Association – Business/Labor
Deputy Mayor Jay Arnold, Kirkland – Other Cities & Towns in King County
Councilmember Scott Bader, Metropolitan Center—Everett (via remote)
Dr. Anthony Chen, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department – Community/Environment
Jeff Clarke, Alderwood Water & Wastewater District
Mayor Allan Ekberg, Tukwila – Other Cities & Towns in King County
Lorena Eng, WSDOT
Councilmember Justin Evans, Bonney Lake – Other Cities & Towns in Pierce County (via remote)
Michael Flynn, Washington Association of Realtors – Business/Labor (via remote)
Clayton Graham, Municipal League of King County – Business/Labor (via remote)
Mayor Ken Hearing, North Bend – Other Cities & Towns in King County
Councilmember Hank Margeson, Redmond – Other Cities & Towns in King County
Mark McCaskill, Commerce
Jeanette McKague, Washington Association of Realtors – Business/Labor (via remote)
Mayor Carla Nichols, Woodway – Other Cities & Towns in Snohomish County
Councilmember Mike O'Brien, Metropolitan Center—Seattle
Deputy Mayor Cynthia Pratt, Lacey – Thurston Regional Planning Council, Lacey (via remote)
Kelly Rider, Housing Development Consortium Seattle-King County – Community/Environment
Councilmember Terry Ryan, Snohomish County
Councilmember Jan Schuette, Arlington – Other Cities & Towns in Snohomish County
Councilmember Michael Scott, Bainbridge Island – Other Cities & Towns in Kitsap County
Dr. Susan Turner, Kitsap Public Health District – Community/Environment
Skip Swenson, Forterra – Community/Environment
Councilmember Greg Wheeler, Metropolitan Center—Bremerton
Councilmember Paul Winterstein, Other Cities & Towns in King County, Issaquah
Commissioner Edward Wolfe, Kitsap County (via remote)
Councilmember Derek Young, Pierce County (via remote)

GMPB MEMBERS ABSENT (*alternate present)

Deputy Mayor John Chelminiak, Metropolitan Center, Bellevue
Councilmember Larry Gossett, King County
Councilmember John Holman, Auburn – Other Cities & Towns in King County
Councilmember Rob Johnson, Metropolitan Center, Seattle
Councilmember Jeanne Kohl-Welles, King County
* Commissioner Paul McIntyre, Alderwood Water & Wastewater District
Councilmember Ryan Mello, City of Tacoma
Rob Purser, Suquamish Tribe
Edna Shim, Seattle Children's – Business/Labor
Chuck Wolfe, Futurewise – Community/Environment

GUESTS AND PSRC STAFF PRESENT

(As determined by signatures on the attendance sheet and documentation by staff.)

Laura Benjamin, PSRC

Tom Burdett, City of Bothell

Carolyn Downs, PSRC

Erika Harris, PSRC

Charlie Howard, PSRC

Michael Hubner, PSRC

Paul Inghram, PSRC

Christine Jensen, King County Council

Kathryn Johnson, PSRC

Michael Kattermann, City of Bellevue

Keri Moore, Snohomish Health District

Brian Parry, Sound Cities Association

Amy Pow, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department

Paul Purcell, Beacon Development Group

Mayor Andy Rheaume, City of Bothell

Cheryl Saltys, PSRC

Maria Sandercock, PSRC

Arthur Sullivan, A Regional Coalition for Housing

Peter Troedsson, City of Bothell

Marianne Seifert, Tacoma-Pierce County Health District

Rob Van Tassell, Catholic Housing Services of Western Washington

Karen Wolf, King County